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## READY TO STUDY TORAH

Pictured (l-r) are Steve Miller, Arthur Israelov and Bernard Hasten, in the third year level Hebrew Class of the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, who took part in the milestone ceremony of siyum this past Friday.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Rhoda Israelov, veteran teacher in the Jewish community, these 8-year-old students have completed their introductory studies to the Bible and are now ready for study from the authentic Torah itself.

A special celebration marked the accomplishment of these students at the weekly Oneg Shabbat-Sabbath inaugural meal which included Zemirot, Hebrew tables songs, and a skit presentation by the Kitah Gimmel-grade three students.

## Gov. Otis Bowen Proclaims Synagogue Youth Weekend

In anticipation of the youth program being hosted now by Congregation B'nai Torah, Gov. Otis R. Bowen has issued a proclamation recognizing the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 1975, as "National Conference of Synagogue Youth Weekend" in Indianapolis.

During this weekend over 150 teenagers from the entire midwest region will converge in Indianapolis to partake in a religious, educational, social program. The theme of the conclave will be "Living In The 20th Century Through Religious Values."

In addition to conducting religious services, the teenagers

will eat all their meals at B'nai Torah. There will be numerous sessions, communication cells, addresses, and dramatic presentations. Rabbi Pinchus Stolper, national director of NCSY, will be featured speaker. In his proclamation, Gov. Bowen noted that "considering the enormous problem with today's youth, it is especially reassuring to see these teenagers come together for a positive experience."

Arrangements for this event have been handled by the local chapter of NCSY, its president Alan Friedman and Congregation B'nai Torah's youth director, Michael Aronson.

## Ben Eisbart To Serve On Inter-Faith Group

Ben Eisbart, executive director of the Fort Wayne Jewish Federation, has been chosen to serve as an at-large member on the newly formed executive committee of Interreligious Consultations. IC is

a statewide tri-faith group organized to deal with issues of public morality (See P-O Dec. 27, 1974).

Rev. W. Duane Sinn was named head of the group, the Rev. Stanley Thomas of Indianapolis was elected vice-president and Mrs. Robert Green was elected secretary-treasurer.

## Institute Classes Start On Monday

The Institute of Jewish Studies, which opens this Monday offers a variety of 13 classes. A highlight is Jewish Music — A Melting of Folk and Art with Cantors Richards and Zalkin. Included in the introduction is a discussion of Shabbat Nusach and Zemirot, continuing with Synagogue (Continued on Page 3)

## "The Fixer" Is Sunday

"The Fixer" will be shown this Sunday in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation auditorium at 7 p.m. Donation is \$1.

## Update Report:

## '75 Campaign Sets Record So Far, Total Over \$1.8 Million Is Up 14%

The 1975 campaign of the Jewish Welfare Federation shows a total of \$1,820,472 as of this writing, as compared to last year's giving on the same pledge cards of \$1,595,418 — or a 14.1 per cent increase. This makes the Indianapolis Jewish Community's thus far among the most successful campaigns in the country based on early national reports. So far 60 per cent of the 1974 campaign values have been covered.

In national figures Indianapolis is substantially ahead of most communities at this state

of the drive in the amount of the campaign already completed, according to Frank Newman, executive vice-president of the Federation.

THE CAMPAIGN moved into high gear immediately following the successful opening function on January 11. This previous week saw telephone solicitation programs conducted for four consecutive nights by the men. Women's telephone solicitations have covered the last three consecutive Sundays.

Totals thus far for the Men's Division are \$1,642,771 and for

the Women's Division \$177,701. A spokesman for the telephone squads has indicated about \$14,000 has come from persons who did not pledge last year, indicating a number of newcomers and new contributors.

ARTHUR SACKS, chairman of the telephone committee, applauded the work of many new people in the telephone program. About 40 young men worked this year for the first time, and there were about 70 men who gave one or two evenings to conduct telephone solicitations.

Pledge cards have been distributed to campaign personnel and the individual solicitation has begun. The Women's campaign follows a coinciding effort and they have also shown an increase at every level.

## Town Crier

By G.M. COHEN

The series in The Post and Opinion on drug use among our Jewish teens made it clear that this is a problem and not a passing fad like styles of clothing.

In other communities, even when the evidence was not as definitive as it is here, the leadership — concerned parents, concerned paid officials of the Jewish community, concerned rabbis have done something about the situation.

Here we are doing nothing.

What can be done?

What have other communities done?

We're sure our Community Center officials and officers, we're sure our Jewish Family Service officials and officers, we're sure our executive director of the Federation and officers, know the answer to this question.

Why they aren't moving to take steps is a mystery. Some of the very presidents of our local organizations must be facing the problems in their own families, if not the professionals who are paid officials of the Jewish community.

We're not here suggesting that we fly off in all directions, that we begin to ring the panic bell, that smoking marijuana and use of other items to get "high" on mean that our young people are doomed. No, we believe, a low key educational campaign and steps to inculcate the younger teens and alert the older ones, and perhaps to increase supervisions, etc. etc., are certainly warranted.

But why is nothing being done?

## Consul Of Israel To Speak For Bonds In Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE — Judith Beilin, a member of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel who is currently serving her third term as Consul of Israel in New York, will speak at Terre Haute on Sunday, Feb. 9 on behalf of the sale of State of Israel Bonds. The Consul will appear at a 7 p.m. dinner at the United Hebrew Congregation.

Mrs. Beilin, who has been Consul of Israel since 1961, has made return trips to her country each year where she spends several months on Foreign Ministry business.

PRIOR TO her appointment as Consul, Mrs. Beilin served as liaison officer for the Foreign Ministry in connection with the



JUDITH BEILIN  
... Consul since 1961.

hundreds of foreign correspondents stationed in (Continued on Next Page)

## 'Perspective' Airs Sunday

"Israelis Talk About the Middle East" is the topic of this first program of the season for "Jewish Perspective," produced under the auspices of the Jewish Community Relations Council. Aimed at an increased understanding of the Jewish community and its concerns, the show is seen on WISH-TV every other Sunday as a public service.

For this program at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2, Allan Goldstein, head of the Mid-East Speakers Bureau, will moderate a panel consisting of Mordechi and Yael Kahanov, Dr. David Schinar and Jacob Goldberger.

## Rabbi Safran At Ball State

Rabbi Richard B. Safran of Achduth Vesholom Congregation in Fort Wayne is scheduled to speak at Ball State University on Feb. 4. His appearance is sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society, an organization dedicated to creating a better understanding of Jews and Judaism.

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## Indiana Woman Featured At Nebraska Workshop

SOUTH BEND — Highlighting the Women's Division workshops in Omaha, Neb., is a young woman who has

### Consul Of Israel

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Israel to cover the Eichmann trial.

British by birth, Judith Beilin gave up an acting career to marry the ardent Zionist, Harry Beilin, and settle in then-Palestine with him. She has made her permanent home there since 1938. While her husband served as liaison between the Jewish Agency and the British mandatory government, Judith Beilin was active in the Haganah and also in the program for founding new settlements. At the same time, she was for eight years on the Staff of the Palestine Broadcasting Service as actress, producer and newscaster. Following a series of fund-raising missions to England and the U.S., in 1946-47, she began to work for the underground radio station of the Haganah. In May 1948 when the establishment of the State of Israel was proclaimed, she announced the news in a historic broadcast over Haganah Radio Haifa.

wandered far from home. Marilyn Brown, on the national board of the UJAWomen's Division and a delegate to the Jewish Agency, helps other Jewish American women to better understand their relationship to Israel and the needs of today's Jews.

Miss Brown has served for several years as general chairman of the Women's Division and earlier was co-chairman of the Women's Lifesaver Division. She is co-chairman of her committee for ORT and is active in Hadassah, B'nai B'rith and the Indiana Community Relations Council.

### Daniel M. Morris To Be Bar Mitzvah

Daniel Mark Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morris, 9304 Broadway, will celebrate his bar mitzvah on Saturday morning, Feb. 8th at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Daniel is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Bearg of Springfield, Mass. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Morris of Plattsburgh, New York.

## Opera Trip On Feb. 15

The Jewish Community Center has a limited number of choice seats for Tchaikovsky's opera "Eugene Onegin" at Indiana University's Opera Theatre in Bloomington on Feb. 15. The chartered bus will leave from the center that Saturday evening, and return immediately after the performance. Reservations, mailed to the J.C.C.A., 6701 Hoover Road, must be accompanied by the cost of the round trip transportation and ticket, which is \$9. Call 251-9467 for further information.

### New Members' Party Is Wed.

The Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood will hold its new members' party at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Goldwasser, 8110 Windcombe Blvd.

### Ms. And Stillerman

## The Indy Teen Scene

By IVAN STILLERMAN  
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Nevin Young, a former contributor to this column now attending Indiana University, graduated from high school in mid-term last year and spent nine months in Israel. Recently he discussed his impressions of Israel.

"People are a product of their environment," he said, "and their environment has been four wars." He commented on the bitterness and pettiness of some of the Israelis he had met.

"It's a hypocritical society. Pot is taboo, but premarital sex is not especially if it's with an American girl," said Nevin. "The boys on the kibbutz are told don't touch the hometown product. The American woman is for that."

NEVIN LIVED nine months on a kibbutz and worked in the grapefruit fields, seeing many sights the tourist does not see. Perhaps that is why his view of Israel is not that of a picture postcard.

Another I.U. student has had experiences of another kind.

By SUSIE OCHS  
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Norman Rappaport earned a 4.0 average this semester, but grades are not of major importance to him. "Getting involved that's the key," says Norman as he describes his duties as a member of the I.U. Judicial Board.

"J-Board enforces the rules of the University on an individual basis," he explained. "If a student violates one of the rules, he must appear before the J-Board and we decide the severity of the infraction and the manner of punishment."

Norm is arranging to do special research on the causes and effects on stuttering. He plans to major in psychiatry or chemistry.

Although still in high school, Rich Friman and Helen Robins are probably interested in majoring in forensics. For 1975 these two helped win North Central a first place in speech.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, Rich placed second in oratorical (Continued on Back Page)

## Bouquet of Week

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Gerry Kurtz



Our bouquet this week goes to Gerry Kurtz for her many hours of dedicated volunteer service to the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. Gerry has volunteered her professional skills to the Academy on a once-a-week basis for the past three years serving as the school's speech therapist.

She is a native of Indianapolis and is the former Gerry Prince. A graduate of Shortridge High School, Gerry received her B.S. Degree in Speech and Hearing Therapy from Indiana University in Bloomington. She formerly served as a Speech Therapist for the Chicago, Evanston and Indianapolis Public School Systems.

GERRY MARRIED Indian-



GERRY KURTZ

apolis physician, Dr. Richard Kurtz, in 1957 and the Kurtzes lived in Chicago prior to returning to our city four years ago. Since her return to Indianapolis she has served as a volunteer speech therapist for the Hebrew Academy spending every Thursday at the school and extra days whenever necessary.

A busy mother of three  
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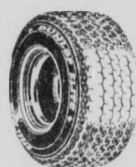
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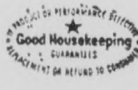
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# The Passing Of Richard Tucker Causes A Special Sadness Here

By TERYL DASKAL

When Cantor Richard Tucker chanted the liturgy for the High Holiday services at Park Synagogue on Michigan Avenue in Chicago the crowd was always well over 1,000, but Sol Miller was always assured of a good view — he was right up there on the Bimah. In fact, for several years he had been a baal shacharis (conductor of the morning service) for Tucker.

But more than this, Miller had been friends with Tucker for 25 years, and the pain of that friend's recent death at age 60 still brings tears to his eyes.

"I met Richard Tucker in the 1940's through my nephew who sang in his choir for eight years at the Austro-Galician Synagogue in Chicago. They became good friends," explained Miller. That same nephew also grew up and sang with Alvin Kleinerman, now the rabbi at Park Synagogue.

"When he was performing with the Chicago Opera Company," continued Miller, "Richard Tucker would call my nephew and they would see a baseball or football game together — he was a great sports fan."

"Once after a performance at the Opera, while Tucker changed his clothes, he asked my nephew to hand him his arba kanfos (four-cornered garment with fringes-tzitzis—to remind one of the commandments). Now I can't guarantee he wore one till his dying day, but I wouldn't be surprised," said Miller.

**MILLER'S NEPHEW** died of leukemia in 1952 and it was Richard Tucker who stood by the coffin for two hours until nearly midnight.

"Tucker and my nephew were not merely chazen and choir boy," said Miller. "It was a special relationship. Tucker would always call my nephew's widow whenever he was in Chicago."

Not long after, the Austro-Galician Synagogue closed from lack of funds and, perhaps fittingly, the Park Synagogue with its spiritual leader Rabbi Kleinerman, opened a few years later.

Tucker, of course, was by then started on his way to accumulating nearly 30 years of association with the Metropolitan Opera, and Miller went about his business as an accountant in Chicago.

**BUT TUCKER** could not resist the opportunity to become cantor again during the High Holidays and the young Park Synagogue filled a need — for both of the choirboy's friends.

"What could they offer sweeter than the best chazen in the world?" said Sol Miller of the arrangement that was to last about 23 years until Tucker's death.

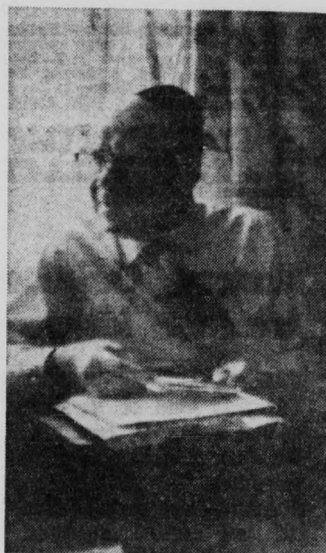
Like a flower drawn to the sun, Miller was drawn to Park Synagogue to hear Richard Tucker during the Holidays. And standing in the Sheraton ballroom that first time before services, the man in front of Miller turned around and it was the famous tenor. So their friendship was sparked again.

"I cannot tell you of his Jewishness enough," comments Miller today. "I called him one morning as he had asked me and he told me he was davening (praying) — I believe he davened to the day of his death. This indicates the Jewish nature of the man."

"Richard Tucker believed in prayer. During the High Holidays he used to be early in synagogue. He would sit down, open his mahzor (special prayer book) and say prayers like the rest of us — and he said prayers, he didn't jabber," said Miller firmly.

"Even on Yom Kippur he came early. He believed not in being a leader of the congregation, but a member of it . . . In praying with it. On Kol Nidre night he would daven till very late and when I came to congratulate him after services, he told me to go home and get some rest. He was thinking of me, that was the kind of man he was."

"He would even observe the custom of visiting the graves of relatives during the first ten days of the new year," said Miller. Tucker had no relatives in Chicago, but nonetheless, he



SOL MILLER

... memories of a good friend

and Miller would spend a day visiting the graves of his many friends, reciting from his own special prayer book. "He even presented a Torah to Park Synagogue one year in honor of his parents," said Miller.

When the baal shacharis became ill one Rosh Hashonah, Miller was pressed into service where he remained for several years following in his father's footsteps. Sol Miller and his wife moved to Indianapolis four years ago to live at Hooverwood nursing home, but they continued to spend the High Holidays in Chicago.

**TUCKER PERFORMED** with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra last January and Miller was his guest along with Lazar Brenner, executive director of Hooverwood, and his wife.

Scheduled to sing again this May in Indianapolis, Tucker told Miller at shule this past September, "I'll see you in Indianapolis in May."

"Of course now he won't be here. Now he's gone all at once," says Miller sadly. "People have come consoling me, like one of the family. I am unable to write Mrs. Tucker, I become too upset, the loss is so great."

It is a loss that Sol Miller does not bear alone.

## Marian Anderson Featured Next At Thursday Seminar

Conductor James DePreist in the history of music, has been and singer Marian Anderson come a legend to millions will be the guests of the Symphony Seminar at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6. Joe Kivett will be chairman of the evening and Mrs. Robert Solow will be hostess. The program is open to the public, and is free to students. A fee of 75 cents is charged for members and \$1 for others. Marian Anderson, honor laden as few have been

across the world as America's great singer. Since her retirement from a public singing career, she has appeared with numerous major orchestras as narrator in Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait." James DePreist, associate conductor of the National Symphony, has served as assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein and guest conducted major symphony orchestras throughout Europe and the U.S.

### Newcomers

#### Winwood Family To Carmel Area

Veronica and George Winwood have recently moved to the Carmel area on 11504 Lakeshore Drive, West. Veronica originally hails from Long Beach, N.Y. while her husband is a native of Springfield, Ohio. Both Veronica and George were former students at Indiana University in Bloomington.

George is a graduate of the Indiana University, school of Law, and his wife is a graduate of the State University of New York in Cortland, N.Y. Veronica received her degree in elementary education.

An estate tax attorney for the Internal Revenue Service in Indianapolis, George enjoys playing golf in his spare time while his lovely wife, Veronica enjoys painting.

The Winwoods are the parents of two sons, Mark, 6 and Eric, 1.

#### Institute Classes

(Continued from First Page) Music of the early 20th century Yiddish Song — the Art of Lazar Weiner; Israeli Music and Contemporary Synagogue Music.

At 8:10 p.m. Robert Gordof of the Anti-Defamation League will emphasize "Anti-Semitism is alive and well in the '70's" in the Contemporary Jewish Concerns course. He will concentrate on the origin, history and nature of anti-Semitism as well as make some recommendations.

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## Rabbi Lewis Is Invited To See Reform In Atlanta

Editor, POST and OPINION:

I was somewhat surprised by Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis' letter which appeared in your January 17 issue. I am sorry if it is true that the Reform synagogues are "empty" in Brooklyn, as the rabbi insists. All I can say is that Reform is alive and thriving at The Temple in Atlanta, Ga. Each Friday we have experienced larger and larger attendance. Last summer, because the number of congregants became too large for our chapel, we held services in our sanctuary. It is not unusual for us to have five or six hundred people at a Friday night service, and our Sabbath morning attendance is increasing as well. We have also instituted a thriving Chavurah Program which

reaches out to our members in their own homes.

I am sorry for Rabbi Lewis' apparent bitterness. He seems so sure that Reform Judaism is ineffectual and in a state of decline. Let me offer him this word of comfort. Rest assured that without blindly retreating to traditionalism, we at The Temple have reaffirmed our American Reform roots and, as a congregation, are actively exploring the infinite possibilities for a dynamic, liberal Jewish life.

Come on down South, Rabbi Lewis, and we'll show you how it can and is being done.

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## Rabbi Fishbein Takes No Fee Counseling On Intermarriage

Editor, POST and OPINION:

In his letter to the editor (P-O Jan. 10), Mr. S. Walter Sheps raises a number of questions concerning the policies and activities of The Rabbinic Center Synagogue. Had he written to The Rabbinic Center office with his queries, he would have been sent a personal response, as well as a packet of materials including a bulletin outlining services, classes and other activities, articles on intermarriage, information on conversion and a list of rabbis who officiate at intermarriages without requiring conversion.

He would have found that our programming is primarily geared to the needs of couples and individuals about to be married or newly married. Only recently have we begun to consider classes for children. He would also have found that because Rabbi Fishbein has been trained in Psychotherapy and marriage counseling, our programming is designed to make optimum use of his psycho-therapeutic skills.

The Rabbinic Center Synagogue seeks to promote Judaism by responding positively and creatively to the needs of the Jewish community, particularly with respect to intermarriage. Today, when one out of every three Jews is intermarrying, it is scandalous to turn our backs and reject their search for ties to the Jewish heritage. Intermarriage is an inevitable consequence of an open society but the choice of a non-Jewish mate is not tantamount to a denial of Judaism. The Rabbinic Center feels an obligation to communicate the fact that there are rabbis who, out of their understanding of Jewish tradition and their concern for the future of our people, are willing to officiate at intermarriages. We seek to encourage the possibility of Jewish commitment for any couple who wants a rabbi to

perform a marriage ceremony. We look upon sending such a couple to a Justice of the Peace or to a minister or priest as counterproductive.

Like most congregations, we raise our budget through membership dues and contributions. Unlike most congregations, we do not draw our membership from a small geographical area. At the present time we have a membership of about 200 families located primarily in the New York metropolitan area. Like most rabbis, Rabbi Fishbein receives a salary from the congregation. Unlike many rabbis, he does not personally accept any fees, gratuities or other remuneration for services he performs.

Each year The Rabbinic Center office handles over 1,000 initial inquiries and provides over 500 referrals. It is Synagogue policy to make referrals to those rabbis who, by virtue of their requirements and geographical location, can respond most fully to the needs of the couple. Rabbi Fishbein officiates personally whenever his schedule permits and when the ceremony is in accord with his personal requirements.

The Rabbinic Center is listed in the directories of all counties where our members reside in order to inform the Jewish community that counsel is available to those who seek help in connection with an intermarriage. The needs of many couples go beyond having a rabbi at their ceremony. Some seek information concerning conversion and raising children. Others seek help in resolving conflicts focusing on religion in their relationship with each other and with parents. Rabbi Fishbein deals with these conflicts by responding to them in a supportive and non-judgmental manner. Sometimes this involves bringing families together for counseling sessions.

## Pen Pal Club

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Hi. My name is Sherry Pachman. I am 9 years old. I like swimming, soccer, dancing and my favorite hobby is reading. I would like a girl pen-pal. My address is 704 Park Land Dr., Herkimer, N.Y. 13350.

Hi. I am Judi Pizer. I am 7 years old. My hobbies are ballet and swimming. I would like a pen-pal. My address is 802 Johnson Ave., Herkimer, N.Y. 13350.

## Moslems, Christians Are Not Idolaters

Editor, POST and OPINION:

It was kind of Y. Etzion to update me (P-O, Jan. 17) about the view of Maimonides towards non-Jews. The point I made in a debate was that Maimonides did not regard Moslems and Christians as idolaters.

In the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, Maimonides is quoted thus: "The teachings of the Nazarene and the Ishmaelite (Mohammed) serve the divine purpose of preparing the way for the Messiah... they have spread the words of the Scripture and law of truth over the whole world."

Mr. Etzion is also gracious to refer me to various places where I will better learn the meaning of halachah, which I interpreted as meaning "to move forward." It is my view that much of Talmudical law and its aftermath was designed to modify earlier positions. So I think there is validity in my stressing that halachah implies progress, advance, and even nullification of previous stringencies (such as the ban on reducing to writing the erstwhile Oral Law.)

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## Milwaukee Buys \$1.7 M. Site

By HYMAN CHESTER

MILWAUKEE (P-O) — This is one community where Jewish education will soon have priority if it already doesn't have it.

The Milwaukee Jewish Federation has announced purchase for \$1.7 million of a seven-acre college campus. The new campus will house Hillel Academy, an elementary Jewish day school; Midrasha, an evening Hebrew high school; the Milwaukee Board of Jewish Education and other community programs under federation sponsorship.

An increasing number of rabbis are referring couples to The Rabbinic Center for counseling, classes in Judaism, conversion and marriage. In the early years of marriage The Rabbinic Center also serves as an interim home. We encourage couples to join congregations in their local communities and to find a niche for themselves as soon as they are ready.

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## Federation Remarks, Action On Homosexuals Is Resented

Editor, POST and OPINION:

In its memorandum on its cancellation and disbanding of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Homosexuals, the New Commission of Synagogue Relations of The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York claims itself responsible for protecting "the community at large against the spread of homosexuality." (P-O, Jan. 10)

The formation of gay synagogues whose administrative offices and policies are formed by and for gay people is the only feasible alternative for gay people who wish to worship within the Jewish faith. It is ridiculous for gay people to try

to operate within an organized system which denies and forbids their basic life force. The two are totally incompatible.

The memorandum's conclusions that "homosexuals should be given every opportunity for meaningful participation in Jewish life in the hopes that will lead them to restrain their homosexual impulses and curb their perversion" is as vicious and insulting remark any gay man or woman could receive. Its implications of eliminating an entire culture are truly frightening.

RON ANDERS

New York

## Ordeal Of U. Of Minnesota Student On Russian Tour

MINNEAPOLIS — What could be in store for Jews who seek to bring any kind of help, whether only encouragement by word or whether with religious paraphernalia, to their Jewish brethren inside Russia was told in stark terms by a University of Michigan student who was interrogated for at least eight hours at a stretch over a four-day period.

True enough, Mark Glotter fell into the hands of the Russian KGB through a coincidence.

As part of a group of 18 college students touring the Soviet Union, he had been able to hide throughout his luggage, in the cuffs of his jeans, in the sleeves of his shirts and in bottles and boxes of shampoo, powder and band-aids prayer books and mezzuzahs and Hebrew books which were not detected by custom officials.

MARK WAS NOT an ordinary junior but had been vice chairman of the Student Action Committee for Russian Jewry and told Janice Schachtman of the American Jewish World here that "Sure I knew it was dangerous, but I had to do it."

During the day, Mark stuck with his touring group, but at night was off on his own finding Jewish families whose names had been given to him in America of those who were seeking visas to Israel.

The incident that led to his questioning took place in Kiev. He and others in the group suffered a mild case of food poisoning. A Russian doctor was called in to examine him, and he was taken against his will to the hospital, the inference being that he was already being watched and the KGB was taking advantage of the situation.

ALL HIS POSSESSIONS were taken from him and that was the giveaway.

"The following day I was escorted into a room where a Russian tour guide and a Soviet official were waiting for me. For eight long and unforgettable hours, I was interrogated about my recent activities in Russia, my family and my involvement in Soviet Jewry Committees in the U.S. They told me there were 'people' who wanted to punish me, and I was compelled to write a nine-page confession.

"After that long ordeal, I was so upset," Mark continues, "that I had to be sedated for

the next two days.

"Two days later, when I was feeling better, my Soviet questioners returned. They then 'suggested' I write a letter to the Russian people apologizing for interfering in the internal affairs — which I immediately did."

THAT SAME DAY, Mark was released from the hospital and escorted back to his hotel. (His tour group had already left the Soviet Union.) The Soviet officials further warned Mark that if he did not continue to cooperate, he could be imprisoned for seven and a half to 22 years.

When Mark returned to his hotel, his Russian "escorts" helped him shave, comb his hair and clean up.

"I was exhausted," Mark says. "I hadn't eaten for four days and I couldn't forget the mental torture I had gone through."

Mark was then led to another room in the hotel where a filming crew was waiting to tape an interview between Mark and a Russian authority.

"I WAS TOLD the interview would be broadcast over Ukrainian television," Mark states. "Before we started taping, though, the authority told me the questions he was going to ask me and we went over what my answers should be. The taping stopped when I didn't give a correct or full answer and we did it again."

"In the interview I again apologized to the Soviet people for meddling in their internal affairs and I was forced to say the Soviet officials had been good to me."

When the interview was over, he was brought to the airport where he waited 2½ hours for a plane to East Berlin. And, once in East Berlin, he was forced to wait five more hours before arriving in West Berlin. From there, Mark traveled to Israel for three and a half weeks, "where I experienced less perilous adventures."

Mark says he holds no hard feelings toward the Soviets and would like to return to Russia some day to see the people and country again.

"MY TRIP to Russia, although terrifying, was probably the most worthwhile experience of my life. For I witnessed first-hand the indignities and terror Jews in the Soviet Union face every day of their lives," Mark concludes.



# Why Confidence High In Israel

WASHINGTON, D.C. (P-O) — The talk here on bringing Russia into the Middle East negotiating picture seems to be based, according to experts here, on the fact that the second stage of withdrawal by Israel will be substantial enough to give Geneva the months and even years it will require for agreement once the sessions begin there.



YITZHAK RABIN

out erupting into war.

**WHY ISRAEL WOULD BE CONSIDERING** yielding so much of the Sinai at this time has to do also with commitments, not made public of course, from this capital to Israel. Not only is the most advanced armament, both defensive and offensive in the American arsenal being sold to Israel, but some arrangement whereby Israel will be supplied with oil, also must be in the works in the eventuality that Iran cuts off her shipments and Israel has returned the Abu Rodeis oil fields to Egypt.

News that the Lance missile, for use with conventional warheads although it is equipped to use nuclear warheads, was being supplied Israel was an indication that almost nothing available in the U.S. army was being withheld. The Lance will offset the missiles Russia has supplied Syria, missiles which could level Israeli cities.

**SPEAKING TO A UNITED JEWISH APPEAL** mission recently, Prime Minister Rabin revealed the new confidence the Israel government has displayed in recent months. Repeating what he and Moshe Dayan and others have been saying that Israel is more prepared and better able to defend herself now than before the Yom Kippur War, he said that as for the explosiveness of the situation, "We have learned not to fear threats and not to act under threats."

On Geneva, he told the same group, "I have a feeling that this sort of conference will bring in a relatively short time a political stalemate and maybe the conditions conducive to a resumption of hostilities."

**THE SAME CONFIDENCE** that seems to be replacing the doubts held so widely in Israel also has become evident in Secretary of State Henry Kissinger who shortly will be going back to the Mideast for more shuttle diplomacy, a step he had asserted he would not take unless conditions were propitious.

## Meat Prices Cut In Ottawa Test

OTTAWA, Canada — A three-month test of slashing 10 per cent off the cost of kosher meat is being made here, while at the same time a mail and telephone campaign is going on to persuade more people to buy kosher meat.

Originator of the trial is the Vaad Hakashrut who persuaded the two local butchers that increased volume could make up for the loss in the lower prices.

After a week's trial, the two butchers who had been pessimistic about the campaign, seemed more inclined to give it all they had. One of the advantages to the butchers is that the lower prices are on a cash and carry basis, an abrupt departure from the delivery program heretofore.

The Kosher Meat Promotion Committee has aimed its efforts at families which heretofore did keep kosher homes and at young marrieds whom they persuaded to keep kosher.

## Geological Finds Being Bulldozed

JERUSALEM — Despite a versity, Katz asserted that promise by the Israeli Military geological phenomena ab that the destruction of the solutely unique on the face of marine terraces along the globe are being bulldozed western shore of the Dead Sea by the military. He said the would terminate, they are continuing, Avraham Katz, a the Great Rift Valley more member of the Knesset, has clearly than anywhere else charged. A lecturer in along the inter-continental fault. geography at Tel Aviv Uni-

## SEXTUPLETS

No Metziah

CAPE TOWN — The bonanza the Colin Rosenkowitz family had expected after the birth of sextuplets never materialized, the garment salesman conceded. "I'm very disappointed and am struggling to support my family," he told a press conference on the first birthday of the six children.

He said the \$750,000 the family had hoped to realize in the first year ended up as one firm financial deal of \$150,000. The dreams led him to buy a \$145,000 home in a fashionable section of suburban Cape Town. The couple has two other children.

## MILK PRODUCTS DATED

JERUSALEM — A new order issued by the Health Ministry requires milk and other dairy products to carry on the package the final date of their fitness for sale. Previously only milk was under such a requirement, but now sour cream, yoghurt and other fluid products and soft cheeses are included.

## Could Upset Negotiations

### Dayan Moves To Forestall Yielding 2 Sinai Passes

JERUSALEM — The internal political situation in Israel will play a crucial role in the upcoming resumption of peace negotiations with Israel.



Dayan

**THE PRIME MINISTER** has indicated clearly that he is ready to make important concessions, very likely the return of the two strategic passes in the Sinai and the Abu Rodeis oil fields in exchange for similarly important concessions by Sadat.

But that kind of deal cannot be effected if the Cabinet and the Knesset refuses to ratify it.

And therein lies the tale.

**FOR MOSHE DAYAN** has made it clear in speeches and actions that he will oppose such concessions as detrimental to

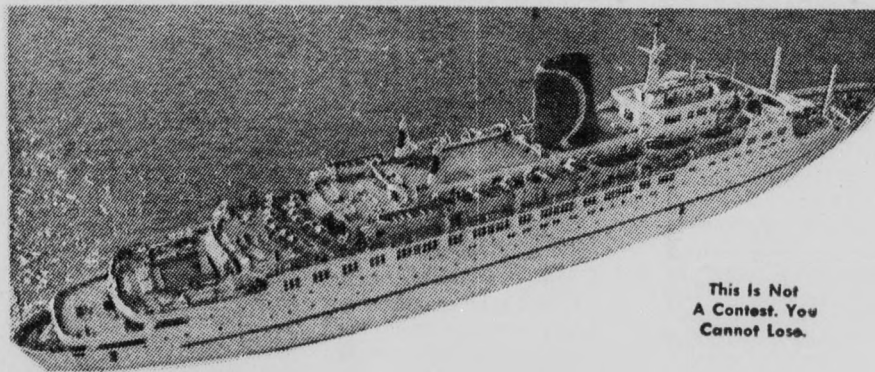
Israel's security. And it is possible that he will bring along with him a majority of the Cabinet.

That could mean a change in the Government, with a broad coalition government which would include the right of center Labor groups, Likud and the National Religious Party with Dayan as Prime Minister.

Rabin is not unaware of this tactic, and already has set into motion moves to forestall such a development.

## BAT-BAR MITZVAH TWIST

LOS ANGELES — Sinai Temple here has introduced the custom of permitting the bar and bat mitzvah candidates to write their own announcements of the occasion which appear with their photographs and a short few sentences about their school interests and then names of the out-of-town guests and relatives who'll be attending the affair.



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# Courageous Jacksonville Girl Wins Israelis' Hearts

JERUSALEM — All Israel has taken to their heart courageous De Jean Replogle, the Jacksonville girl who has lost her leg as a result of a terrorist grenade thrown against the bus in which she was riding as a tourist.

The 16-year-old Baptist pilgrim is now awaiting fitting of her new limb, and her parents, William and Mercer Lee Replogle are at her bedside, remaining in Israel throughout the ordeal of the amputation and the fitting of a new limb.

LETTERS, MESSAGES and presents from all over Israel as well as from the United States pour into the Medical Center every day. Delegations of teenagers come to visit her from all parts of the country bringing gifts of hand-made jewelry. Small schoolchildren send her paintings and drawings. Bouquets of flowers fill her hospital ward from wellwishers. Principals and school teachers telephone to ask what they can do for her. Veterans come from long distances to demonstrate to her how well they manage with artificial limbs.

De Jean is particularly excited when she receives messages, letters, parcels and other

signs of affection from her family and friends in Jacksonville. She was thrilled when the 1974 National Basketball AAU Champions from Jacksonville, Fla., led by Rex Morgan, the Captain, Coach Laurel Wood and Superintendent of Recreation Chuck Rogers, came specially to Jerusalem to visit her. The team was here on tour after winning the national AAU Championship. They brought flowers, pennants and a basketball signed by all of the team and were greatly moved by De Jean's response that she would never forget their kindness.

WHEN DE JEAN was asked whether her faith is sustaining her despite the tragedy of losing a leg, she answered: "My faith is greater than ever: God has spared my life. I know I might easily have been killed. I am greatly encouraged by the fact that people all over the world are praying for me."

She quipped bravely with one journalist who asked her how the amputation of her leg would change her way of life: "Not at all, except that I can no longer sunbathe both legs as I used to. But I'm going to go on with my schooling and my music. I plan to be a computer

programmer — unless I become an actress, another one of my dreams."

De Jean is a member of the Jacksonville School Band and she was delighted when her colleagues on the band phoned her to wish her good luck.

HER PARENTS told Ambassador Keating and Mrs. Keating that they had been inspired by the devoted medical attention of the doctors and nurses of the Hadassah Hospital and by the spontaneous affection of the people of Israel.

When some teenagers asked De Jean whether she would return to Israel on further pilgrimages, she answered: "Certainly. I love this country and my leg is part of it."

Prof. Myer Makin, Head of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Hadassah Hospital, says that as soon as De Jean's wound is healed, she will be ready for the fitting of an artificial limb. This may take another few weeks. The shrapnel of the grenade entered in the pelvic region, where it tore up the main artery, leaving the lower limb without any blood supply. Several attempts to repair the artery failed. The amputation had to be carried out at mid-thigh.

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## Is This A Job For A Jewish Boy?

# 300 Feet Below the Ocean

By NINA DIAMOND

DALTON, Ga. (P-O) — What is a nice Jewish boy doing as a marine photographer and a diving enthusiast even though he lives 400 miles from the nearest ocean?

Jack Zbar of Dalton, Ga., is a professional diver and underwater photographer who has turned an avocation into part of his business.

Born and raised in Tampa, Fla., the sea was part of his life. "My mother was a shell collector and enjoyed the ocean. Her curiosity and enthusiasm were transferred to me. By the age of seven I was hooked by life beneath the sea," Jack reminisced.

THE FIRST diving gear he ever owned he built himself in his teens. A diver's hard hat made from an old water heater tank cut to size, and fitted with a face plate and lead weights. At this time he was diving about 15 feet deep.

Jack is president of Arrow Engineering which specializes in chemicals and engineering services to the carpet industry, and in the field of design and preservation of marine artifacts.

"After years of diving and finding treasure I found that the known measures for preserving these artifacts were not satisfactory," Jack said. "Over the last ten years I developed a highly specialized process which is now extremely successful in preserving marine finds."

NOT ONLY do people from this country send him their treasure to preserve, but he has been called on as a consultant by several other countries to demonstrate his process.

Jack is also vice president of Coral Reef Photographers, of Dalton and Hollywood, Fla. They produce scientific photography in the fields of marine biology, oceanography, and human medical sciences. These audiovisual training aids are used by high schools, colleges, universities, and sold internationally.

A documentary film recently released in California, which Jack was involved in, took him from there to Hawaii, to the Marshall Islands, on to atolls in the Pacific (Arno, Ebye, Mille), and finally to Bikini, diving in each area.

"I WAS INVITED to go on the expedition as a still photographer and security diver to aid in the protection against sharks and other sea animals," Jack stated.

"The purpose of the film was to make a documentary of the history of Bikini, study ships that had been sunk there, and assess nuclear test damage, as the atoll in the Pacific was the sight of the Atomic and Hydrogen bomb test experiments.

"Many of these Islands were untouched by civilization, and we were the only divers ever to explore their waters. Because of radiation hazards, divers had not been allowed in Bikini. After receiving special permission, we became the first group in the area since the bomb explosions," Jack related.

Jack's obvious enthusiasm for the sea was evident when he said, "I dive because I truly enjoy it. I love the sea. It is my opinion, man must totally understand marine life if he is going to survive. It's an interrelated problem in that the survival of the marine environment is up to man. We depend on the sea for oxygen, and today many countries get all their protein from the sea."

HE READILY ADMITS there are unexpected happenings the diver isn't always prepared for. "One time while diving on a moonless night in the Carib-



JACK ZBAR

...one must understand marine life.

bean, with the aid of an under water light, I was exploring a large deep cave for marine life. I suddenly came upon the remains of a skull and a "pillar," which is a 1796 Spanish coin.

"Just as I was getting ready to take a picture, my lantern went out. There I stood 50 feet deep in the cave too far for starlight, and without any running current to gauge direction. Fortunately I had noticed a hole directly above me, and was able to squeeze through to safety."

Most dives take him about 290 feet down for two or three minutes. "Someday I'd like to try saturation diving. This type of diving removes the barriers of time limitation under water, and would give me an opportunity for extensive study," Jack stated.

"HOWEVER," he continued, "the body becomes saturated with diving gases, and decompression takes 12 to 24 hours, and I never seem to have time for this."

The Zbars have two children, Lane, 15, and Clay, 12. His wife Barbara is a registered nurse, presently teaching at the Dalton Jr. College. The family are members of Mizpah Congregation in Chattanooga, Tenn.

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# Rossman To Fight In Israel

Whether Mike Rossman is using his Jewish parentage — as a lift up the ladder in the fistic world is not known at this time, but in addition to wearing a Star of David on his trunks and assuming the nickname of the Jewish Bomber, he's planning to fight in Israel. As to any doubts about his Jewishness, there is none about his fistic ability. He's won 12 of his 13 professional fights, all but three of them by knockouts. The bout planned in Israel will probably take place at Passover with proceeds going to the soldiers welfare fund. The idea for the fight comes from his stepfather and manager, Jimmy De Paino, whose Jewishness is not in doubt, and who well could be responsible for the heavy accent on his charge's Jewishness.

## Always Compared To Barbra

Her reaction to always being compared to Barbra Streisand was the question put to beautiful 20-year-old songster Julie Budd by the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle's editor Paul F. Levy. Ms. Budd, who is appearing at the Pfister, was not particularly upset by the question and responded: "The only tangible thing that people have to compare me to is Barbra — we're both Jewish and we're both from Brooklyn — but I'm waiting for the day that the public will identify me for myself, for what I do." But she does have strong feelings about such subjects as intermarriage, about her Judaism and Israel. "Every time a Jew marries out of his or her religion they're doing what Hitler started out to do — they're helping to abolish the Jewish race." Continuing, she said, "If you read Jewish history you know that at one time there was a very large Jewish population. But we were killed off and assimilated and now, because of contraceptives, people are having fewer and fewer babies." She's been to Israel twice, the last time to entertain the soldiers.

## Never By Israel

Interviewed by Jerry Barach, editor of The Cleveland Jewish News, Howard M. Metzenbaum, who lost his Senate seat to astronaut John H. Glenn, was asked "What differences did being Jewish make on your role as a senator?" He responded that there was "nothing different" and that he wasn't a Jewish senator but a senator who was Jewish, and then gave an interesting sidelight. "I cannot recall," he continued, "any incident when it was a factor except perhaps that the Israeli Embassy took me for granted. I was invited to the Swiss, Japanese, Egyptian and Argentine and many other embassies, but was never invited to the Israeli Embassy. In fact, I found a greater eagerness on the part of the Arab states for me to visit there than Israel."



Metzenbaum

## Sid Gillman's Reward

Sid Gillman, fabulous coach of the Houston Oilers, won all kinds of honors for lifting the team up by its bootstraps in the season just concluded, but he won't be guiding the destinies of the players first-hand, but from his new post as general manager. How he'll fare with the team's owner, K.S. (Bud) Adams, with whom he has feuded — at least in the press anyway — on a number of occasions is anyone's guess, including the former Jewish star in his own right. "I'm going back next season, as general manager," he said. "Beyond that it hasn't been decided yet."



Gillman

## The Shopper

When the large elderly lady asked Mrs. Motty Amit, to hand her a plastic bag, the daughter of Fred and Sylvia Lefkowitz, of Cleveland, kindly complied and then turned to look at her fellow shopper. She was flabbergasted to see that it was Golda Meir, doing what needs to be done in a Jerusalem supermarket just like everyone else. She so reported to Violet Spevack, columnist for the Cleveland Jewish News. "I was absolutely floored. I was so pleased and excited that she does her shopping in the normal way, except for the two guards with her . . . one pushing her cart and one talking into a walkie-talkie. It made my day. Most people just raised their eyebrows and kept on doing what they were doing. No commotion at all. Only in Israel could this happen!"



Mrs. Meir

## No Mezuzzahs Overlooked

The honor of inaugurating the French Government's new guest house in Paris went to Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat. The mansion opposite the Elysee Palace on Avenue Marigny has seen many Jewish Festivals and holidays joyously observed by one of the famous Jewish families of history — the Rothschilds. The previous owner was Baron Alain de Rothschild, a staunch backer of Israel. It is believed that none of the mezuzzahs could possibly have been overlooked in the remodeling process.

## Daughter Defends Father

Sue Lichtenstein, daughter of Henry Lichtenstein, took offense when her father, president of the Dix Hills (N.Y.) Jewish Center was criticized at a meeting of the ritual committee. Writing

a letter to the Newsletter of the congregation, she related that as a youth group representative to the committee she "was shocked and deeply hurt at the verbal abuse heaped upon my father, our synagogue president, for not attending Saturday morning services." She refused to "go into the reasons for his lack of attendance at this time," but stated "my father spends all his spare time working for the Dix Hills Jewish Center." Continuing, she wrote: "What shocked me was the people who were the first to criticize. When a man simply attends Saturday morning services and offers nothing else to our Jewish Center in the way of support, he has no right to look for fault in others. Let him look to himself."

## Select Tourists

A Time Magazine public affairs department tour of 45 leading American businessmen, chosen by the magazine, will visit Israel for three out of its 14 days in the Middle East, led by the magazine's chairman, Andrew Heiskell and editor-in-chief Hedley Donovan. Included are several leading Jews, among them Edgar Bronfman of the Seagram's empire, Walter J. Levy, and Sol Linowitz, who holds the top lay position on the board of the Jewish Theological Seminary. The tycoons will meet with Yasir Arafat after first visiting Cairo and being welcomed by President Sadat and then arriving in Israel where their host will be Prime Minister Rabin.

## Succor For Blomberg

Ron Blomberg has already figured out how he'll escape the blight that has marred his career, and he sees the solution in Bobby Bonds, the star outfielder who'll be joining the Yankees. Blomberg has been pulled from games in which the opposition pitcher is a lefthander under the belief that he cannot hit well against southpaws. But with Bonds in the lineup, and his hitting ability, opposing managers will think twice before using so many lefthanders against the Yankees. Against righthanders, Blomberg is a constant threat, and he doesn't want to leave New York, although other teams have made offers for him. Ron's wife is president of the B'nai B'rith women in Riverdale where they live. His future plans call for a TV show and also a day camp in the New York area.



Blomberg

## With The Executives

Dan Asher, associate executive director of the Houston Jewish Community Council, has been appointed executive director of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island at Providence.

## With The Rabbis

Rabbi Moshe Greebel, assistant rabbi of the Hillside Jewish Center, has been installed as spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Israel, of Kearny and North Arlington, N.J. . . . Rabbi Richard L. Klein, who was ordained at HUC-JIR last June, has been installed as spiritual leader of Temple Beth David, Cheshire, Conn. . . . Twice Chai — 36 years — in the pulpit of Young Israel Of Flatbush was marked for Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman at the testimonial dinner in his honor at the New York Hilton.

## Sermon Of The Week

Needed — A New Jewish Men's Lib — Rabbi Milton Rosenbaum, Temple Emanuel, Oak Park, Mich.

## Quotation Of The Week

We now come to you with an even more serious problem. Temple David Religious School spends a good proportion of its time teaching ethics, charity, mercy, history, etc. The teaching is accomplished by volunteers who spend many unpaid hours preparing lessons, then teaching at the Temple. They are greeted by students who are insolent, and who spend a large measure of class time throwing paper and books at other students, crushing chalk all over the floor and throwing erasers. The desks and floor must be cleaned after each class. Students ignore the teachers and chit-chat with their friends during class sessions. Assignments are frequently not completed because "I didn't remember." Several teachers have quit in tears. What kind of moral values are these children learning if no one is correcting their behavior? When we call parents, they laugh off the behavior with "boys will be boys." These students are no longer "boys;" they are young men and women, in grades seven through nine, and most of them have made a commitment from the bema to continue their Religious Education until confirmation. Their behavior, in most instances, would result in the very least, a suspension from public school. Their parents' attitude would be clearly unacceptable to a public school official. Is it that parents feel Religious School doesn't count and that if someone is foolish enough to volunteer to teach, let him or her take the consequences? What has happened to our values? Have we forgotten that these students are our future; that they are our one hope that Judaism will last and be transmitted to each succeeding generation? Have we reached the point where we must have parents monitor in the classroom to force students to behave? — Temple David, Monroeville, Pa.

## RABBI'S OILS EXHIBITED

NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. — A month-long exhibition of the oil paintings of Rabbi David Moseson of the New Hyde Park Jewish Center is being held at the Hillside Public Library here.

## EXCERPTS FROM "SHEMA YISRAEL"

### Chapter 6:

#### Pre-School Education

"Train a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22.6).

(1) MAN'S SOJOURN ON EARTH — "Vanity of vanities," says Kohelet, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity" (Eccles. 1.2). A sevenfold vanity is mentioned here in a single verse, since "vanity" is mentioned three times, and "vanities" (the plural, each signifying twofold) twice, which is interpreted by the Midrash (Eccles. Rabbah 1.3) in this manner: "The seven 'vanities' mentioned by Kohelet correspond to the seven worlds which a man beholds in his lifetime. (1) At a year old he is like a king . . . fondled and kissed by all. (2) At two and three he is like a pig, sticking his hands into the gutters. (3) At ten, he skips about like a kid. (4) At twenty he is like a neighing horse. (5) Having married he is like a beast of burden. (6) When he has begotten children, he grows brazen like a dog to bring them food. (7) When he has become old he is like an ape."

(2) TORAH STUDY COMBINED WITH A WORLDLY OCCUPATION — The Rabbis have taught (Sukkah 42a): "When a minor is able to speak, his father must teach him Torah and the reading of the Shema. What is meant by Torah? — R. Hamnuna replied: 'Moses commanded us a Torah, an inheritance of the house of Jacob' (Deut. 33.4). What is meant by the reading of the Shema? 'Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One' " (Deut. 6.4). Furthermore a Sage recounted (Yerushalmi, Yevamot 1.6), the mother of R. Joshua b. Chananyah would bring his crib into the Bet Hamidrash to allow his ears to absorb the sound of the Torah learning. This advice is found in the Mussar literature: "One should not sing love songs to infants since these types engender bad traits in them" (Sha'ar Hatziyun, Mishnah Berurah, 560, subsec. 25).

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## An Answer Needed

The nursing home scandal in New York and environs is evidently not duplicated in other Jewish communities and the reason may be obvious. In Indianapolis and Louisville, and we are sure this is the pattern throughout, the homes are operated by the local Jewish communities. It therefore would be impossible for entrepreneurs to even figure in the operations, not to mention making the cardinal Jewish principle of care for the aged into a racket and a travesty.

If this possibly could be the answer in New York, then there too the aged would be properly taken care of.

But there still is a missing link.

It was stated here in a previous editorial. How was it possible that the rabbis in New York were not aware of the conditions in the nursing homes?

But that is not the subject of this editorial.

This editorial is aimed at asking why the rabbis are not involved in the high prices of kosher products?

Why are the rabbis — this is true all over the United States — not involved except very rarely in the needs of the Jews in penal institutions?

We could go on.

Why is it the infrequent rabbi who takes on the obligations in the area of the young Jews on the college campus — the children of his own members, the graduates of his Confirmation classes? Here and there a rabbi does visit a campus once a year, but even this minimum is assumed by less than five per cent — much less — of our rabbis.

Could it be that we have become victims of the professionalization of our Jewish society — where the executive director of the federation or the Jewish Family service administrator has been permitted to make the decisions for the community and its rabbinates?

Our rabbinical associations have a serious question to answer — and that is what should be the role of the rabbi in American Jewish life?

It needs an answer.

## Wrong Move

Israel's response to the barrage of criticism it was allegedly receiving throughout the world because of a poor press has been to set up a semi-official news service which smacks so much of the controlled press in undemocratic nations.

A good press — whatever that means — does not always remain a good press, and if Israel's image in the world has deteriorated that doesn't necessarily mean that Israel is suffering therefore or that a good press would have made any difference in developments.

In our opinion Israel's reaction — the establishment of a semi-official news service — is a step in the wrong direction and should be dismantled as soon as the propitious moment arises.

What is tarnished now is the recognition that Israel was the one democratic nation in an area where feudalism and fascism were the norms, and as for newspapers, and their staffs, a country where there was free access to almost all of the news.

A clincher for our argument is the high regard in which the Israeli news announcements were held at the time of the Six Day War when Egypt and the other Arab states were issuing figures of hundreds of Israeli planes shot down and big successes while the communiqués from Israel were found to be accurate in every detail.

## Equal Status For Women Myth

HAIFA — The widespread view that women in Israel enjoy equal status with men because a woman had reached the post of Prime Minister was fallacious, Tamar Eshel told the Engineer's Forum here.

The new national secretary of the Women Workers Council

quoted figures to the effect that women held 36 per cent of civil service positions but only nine per cent were in the upper echelon. The most devastating statistics were in university professorships where out of 100, only two are women.

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## The EDITOR'S CHAIR

It was one of our forays into another community for a speech and this time it was Huntington, W.Va. We spoke at Friday night services at the Reform Temple and presented our view that the Jewish community is on the verge of a creative Jewish era in North America.

But it wasn't so much the speech or the service as it was the people who entranced us. It does one good to get out and meet new faces and hear their responses and assimilate their approaches and get the feel once again of a community on the firing line. This latter is our contention that it is not the Jews of the major Jewish communities, New York for example, who really find the answers to the problem of living as a Jew in America. In New York any Jew can be so buttressed by other Jews that he doesn't actually face the need for responding to the community at large. But in a small Jewish community where the Jews have no protective armor so to speak, they are living in truth the life of the Jew in America.

A concomitant theory is that the answer to Jewish life in America doesn't come from the Eastern seaboard but from the so-called hinterlands.

Nevertheless, in Huntington the Reform and the Orthodox congregations have merged their memberships, but nothing else. The two edifices are similarly modern and similarly well-equipped, there is no attempt to modify the services, which are held in alternate weeks in the two congregations and while one is classical Reform the other is completely Orthodox. But there is one rabbi, Philip Aronson and he conducts every service in Huntington, reading the full Torah portion (not on the triannual cycle) word for word, the repetition of the Amidah, and the whole Orthodox bit. The memberships are in part duplicated.

Rabbi Aronson has been in Huntington for three years now — he's a JIR man — and it was during his tenure that the merger was accomplished. He told me that he feels that our seminaries should teach the men not only how to conduct the service for their own wing of Judaism, but so that a Reform rabbi could conduct an Orthodox service and vice versa. He has learned the Orthodox ritual the hard way.

How Rabbi Aronson is making out was not too difficult to determine. No one has to be mysterious to find out how a rabbi is liked. That is one subject that is on everyone's tongue, not only in Huntington but anywhere in North America. Well, Rabbi Aronson is regarded as a man who is striving to do the right thing and personally there is deep appreciation for his efforts. For one thing, the community has been a happy hunting ground for rabbis on their way elsewhere. Rabbi Aronson accepted the difficult challenge and has not ignored his responsibilities.

Saturday morning we walked to the Or-

thodox synagogue for the service, and in the row just ahead of us (there was a minyan, but barely so — and no women) were three young men, one wearing jeans and the other two in corduroy slacks. We introduced ourselves and one was from a leading Jewish family we knew well. Since Marshall College is in Huntington, it was our surmise that they were all athletes, since two of them were tall and one was stocky and big.

We were wrong.

They were from the correctional institute and all were serving terms for drug violations. Herb Colker took me and them and their guard — a Protestant chaplain — to a nearby delicatessen for lunch and we got a chance to converse at length with all three of them but especially with the one whose family we knew from way back. He had been apprehended for selling heroin, and was now taking courses at a nearby university where he would attend after he was paroled, which would probably be at the end of 1975.

He was earning \$10,000 a month from his operation and we did not go into how he was "busted," which wasn't important to us. His family visits him and are understanding, and when we challenged him with the ethics of making it possible for others to get dope, he brushed this off, so we then pushed him a little harder about the Jews to whom he had been selling the stuff. He said they would have bought it elsewhere and that he had few Jews as customers.

As for marijuana and Jews in high school, he thought that practically all of them had at one time or another tried it, but didn't feel that many went in for hard drugs. He was quite honest with himself and expressed his own problem as the need for money in large amounts and felt that once he was free this would be difficult to overcome. We asked him to keep in touch with us, and hope that he will.

As for the other two, they were from the East. One might not be considered Jewish by halachah since his mother was not Jewish. His folks were divorced and now his father had married a Jewish woman.

There was one or two other Jews in the correctional center, but they were in the problem stage so were not permitted to attend services. But even so, the Jewish prisoners were in great minority, which is considerable solace.

We had Friday night dinner with the David Ritters, and that was something to speak of. We might have been friends for years, we got along so well, and Mrs. Riter could pass for cook of the year — not only for her culinary ability but for her attractiveness too, not to mention the hospitality which exuded in that home. As for David, we already miss him and when there is a furniture store for sale in Indianapolis, we're quickly going to get in touch

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## The Scenario Of Arafat — Nothing Really Has Changed

By RABBI MAURICE DAVIS

Before the United Nations saw fit to honor Arafat, he was the



Davis

secret of their deeds, nor that they were part of his grand design. He, also, made no secret of his unalterable hatred of Israel, and his determination never to recognize nor co-exist with Israel.

Before the United Nations saw fit to honor the P.L.O., it was the recognized umbrella organization of all the terrorists. It never spoke authentically for the Palestinian Arabs, but it did speak authentically for terrorism.

THEN, the United Nations —

already hostage to the Arab world, its oil and its allies — decided to legitimize both the P.L.O. and its spokesman. The wavering nations, preparing to succumb, evolved their own rationalization. "If we make them legitimate, they will accept accountability. If we welcome them graciously, and listen to them kindly, they will respond with respectability."

Well, the United Nations did what it planned to do, and the results have been exactly what most of us predicted. The acts of terrorism increased. The belligerency continued, and the implacable hatred to Israel remained implacable.

The only difference now is that Arafat and his P.L.O. are selective in claiming or disclaiming credit. When the gangsters invade from Lebanon for their indiscriminate acts of murder, Arafat claims credit.

WHEN, however, they shoot at an El Al plane and miss, Arafat is silent.

And when they shoot up an airport in France, take hos-

tages, and finally escape in a French plane, Arafat is outraged. He sends telegrams to the French Government, and deplores the violence that occurred at the Orly Airport. He demands that the terrorists be turned over to him.

Why to him? Because the U.N. has knighted him, and has bestowed upon him all rank and privilege.

What difference will it make if he takes the terrorists and slaps their hands? What difference will it make if he executes them?

WHATEVER HE DOES it will be simply "show and tell." Arafat would gladly sacrifice them as the price of his new found respectability.

But nothing really has changed. The P.L.O. and Arafat are still the vandals, still the pillagers, still the murderers, in spite of the UN recognition — or because of it.

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# Why Building First To Feel Recession?

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

The hottest piece of real estate in the world is



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500 per cent in seven years?

Yet even for "hot" real estate there must eventually come a cooling off period. It appears that now is the time when the lull has set in. It started somewhat in July when the first restrictions and limitations on the size of apartments and on public construction were imposed. These deterrents had the net effect of redirecting building from much of the private sector to public housing. Thus private housing starts in 1974 declined by 30,000 square meters while public housing expanded by

80,000 square meters. Building completions outstripped starts in the private sector for the first time, while the opposite was true in public housing. The actual number of apartments under construction reached an all time high in September. An amazing 90,000 apartments were in various stages of construction.

SINCE SEPTEMBER and most particularly after the Nov. 9th, 43 per cent currency devaluation, a decided slump developed in virtually all branches of construction. Hotels, commercial projects and even residential starts declined prompting the Builders and Contractors Association to view the future of the entire building industry with considerable alarm. David Stern, President of the Association, pointed to an overall drop in total construction from 8.3 million square meters in 1972 to 7 million square meters in 1973 and to 6.3 million square meters in 1974. He warned that unless the Government relaxes the freeze on

projects and on larger area apartments, the industry will face a serious threat of unemployment.

Meanwhile, contractors are as yet enjoying a highly profitable year. Solel Boneh, Israel's largest builders equalled its record 1973 year and declared an IL 1.8 million dividend. Others are doing as well.

Nevertheless, despite what appeared to be contradictory interpretations and statements of current statistical data, the vital end of the building industry, the private sector in apartments, appears to be in for a considerable decline both in construction and in sale. For example, a survey of private construction in the 12 largest cities reports that 8,300 new apartments remain unsold. In the third quarter of 1974 only 3,200 apartments were sold in these cities and but 4,100 sold in the second quarter of 1974, indicating an obvious six month inventory in addition to the record number of apartments in various stages of completion.

Stated in simpler terms, the supply is rapidly outstripping the demand, with the obvious conclusions that prices must come down despite rising costs of construction.

CONTRACTORS in Israel, long accustomed to continuous rises in the cost of building index here and the accompanying increases in linked retail prices of apartments find it difficult to adjust their thinking to these new conditions. The direct relationship between cost and retail price had become so automatic that immediately after the November currency devaluation the contractors shot up their prices to cover the 43 per cent differential. However, very soon thereafter they were forced to lower prices when sales dropped virtually to zero at the higher figures. Prices are down now generally not only to pre-devaluation levels but in some areas are even 10 per cent lower as a decided softening of the market becomes more and more evident and as the pressure of financing

costs reaching 30 per cent on unsold apartments becomes more intense.

A major contributing factor to the drop off in the previously unceasing demand that continued to push apartment prices to fantastic heights with no apparent ceiling is the hub of Israel's economic progress — aliyah. The 42 per cent drop in aliyah in 1974 — 32,200 as compared to 55,000 in 1973, of which almost 70 per cent represents a decline of Russian aliyah from 33,500 in 1973 to 17,000 in 1974, constitutes a source of very serious concern for Israel. The little-noticed population statistical figure issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics, "net Jewish immigration totalled 7,000" tells the sad story very vividly. Israel's economy is geared to a steady flow of aliyah that must remain in Israel, of NET 35-40,000, otherwise stagnation may set in.

The first to feel such a recession is the building industry — and the red danger signal light is flashing.

## INTERPRETING HALACHAH

# Women Treated Equally As Men In Ritual

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Dear Aaron:

I read with interest your article in the Post and Opinion Jan. 3.

Our Chancellor Gershon Cohen needs no defense from me. He is able, trustworthy and surely considerate of the status of women. Many unresolved halachic questions are involved as well as the preservation of "Catholic Israel."

However, with regard to your notations of Rabbi Aaronson's article — I agree with you in your adulation of him — but be it known that my father, of blessed memory, an Orthodox rabbi insisted that in the naming of a girl child it should be "L'Torah, l'chupah, Ul'man-nim Tovim." To Him, teaching Torah to a girl was even more important than to the son because he felt she was the

true "builder" of the home.

Furthermore, it might be of interest to you to know that in the congregation I am now serving as resident rabbi, the mother's name is joined with the father's in calling the child for the aliyah and in the MiSheberach which follows. In manning the child both parents are mentioned.

Without consulting our Law committee, because I do not believe it requires their approval, it is my intention to introduce the above in the K'tuba as well, namely "Reuven ben Shimon V'Leah" etc.

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I am delighted that Rabbi Englander's father, an Orthodox rabbi, introduced the practice of treating boys and girls equally at their naming ceremonies. Whatever his reason, he was

instituting a commendable change in the ritual, which called for courage and insight.

Unfortunately the matter seems to have remained a deep secret, revealed only years after the rabbi's demise. The reason is obvious, he feared the condemnation of his colleagues. Had he submitted the question to his fellow-rabbis for their consideration, he knew that they would reject it.

He was not the first, nor the last Orthodox rabbi to act independently. Similar action by Orthodox rabbis, most of it not secretive but open and obvious, happens all the time. An Orthodox rabbi who takes a pulpit in a synagogue with mixed seating and/or a parking lot open on the Sabbath, is saying something — that in his estimation these restrictions may be ignored.

This is how most change takes place in Orthodoxy. There is

no Sanhedrin to decide anything and even where a great sage acts wisely every Orthodox Jew feels qualified to pass judgement upon his innovation.

Recently the Lubavitcher Rebbe suggested that all mothers train their little daughters to light candles every Friday and Festival evening. It is part of the extensive program of the Lubavitcher to stimulate the observance of mitzvot among our people. It is an excellent suggestion which ought to be adopted by all Jews to enhance the beauty of Shabbat and Yom Tov in our homes.

In a publication which arrived recently, a pious practicing Orthodox woman rejects the Rebbe's proposal. Little girls, she tells her readers, should not be taught to light candles. Her reasoning is unimportant. The tragic fact is that religious leadership in Orthodoxy has to

contend with the whims and pretensions of its people.

The only movement comes from the individual rabbi who acts on his own. He should be commended, not criticized, for his courage. Those of us who urge flexibility in halachah ought not to condemn it as inconsistent when practiced by the Orthodox and hail it as progressive when we indulge in it.

The Law Committee has adopted the proposal that the courtesies hitherto reserved for men be extended equally to women. Rabbi Englander, when he uses the names of both parents of the bride and groom on the K'tubah, will be implementing the suggestion of the Committee, not innovating something secretly, as his father had to do.

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with him.

Also as guests were Mr. and Mrs. Max Nechin. He's the president of the West Virginia State Association of B'nai B'rith, and the Nechins had just returned from the convention in Israel, and Mrs. Nechin had an interesting incident to relate. At one of the sessions — this one at Bat Yam, a woman walked up to her to ask where she had purchased her outfit. That seemed like an odd question coming from an Israeli, but she responded that she had bought it in Huntington, W. Va., which we are sure the questioner had not the least idea of what part of the United States that was. To make a long story short, the outfit was manufactured by her husband's factory, and he had even designed the cloth. The outfits had been imported by Alexander's in New York who had distributed them to their associated stores, one of which of course was in Huntington.

Huntington, we learned, is not suffering to any extent whatsoever from the economic plight of the nation. Its industry is mining and metals and both are booming. There is no unemployment to speak of.

We do want to take a paragraph to tell

you about Herb Colker. He is the pillar of the Orthodox synagogue, and he can conduct the services with the best of them, his rendering of the Hebrew is impeccable. He's another person that makes the Huntington community, and the way he treated the trio of young people was heartwarming. An older person would perhaps have taken offense at the fact that not one knew how to daven, but he saw that all three got an honor, and if he was in anyway disappointed, you'd never know it.

Now we're back at where we started — the Jewish people of Huntington — they're lovely people and upstanding in their Jewishness — it's a matter of a fact attitude and that is a healthy situation. They are under no illusions, and they see their community slowly losing strength — at least in numbers — but they are doing the best they can.

We leave them with this thought. Now that many Jewish young men with degrees no longer have their father's business as an alternative they are taking positions with corporations, so that the small town which was losing its youth to the big Jewish centers could easily — and in some instances already is — find the trend reversed and growing in population once again.

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## On The Synagogue Scene

## Valuable Insights On Preparing Budget

By MYRON SCHOEN

Between this time and early June the top leadership of our congregations are going to be wrestling with financial affairs. For one, they'll be straining to see if they can make the 1974-75 budget balance or at least keep the deficit to a minimum. On the other hand, they'll be contending with setting up the budget for the next year, the one that will encompass 1975-76.

One of the best ways to accomplish a balanced budget is to make sure that the majority of the synagogue's members are fully aware of its contents and ramifications. To accomplish this it might be wise if every

synagogue treasurer and every professional synagogue administrator had a copy of the second edition of "Financial and Accounting Guide for Nonprofit Organizations" by Malvern J. Gross, Jr.

**PUBLISHED BY** The Ronald Press of New York in 1974, it is an excellent up-date of the author's earlier volume. The author is a partner in the nationally-known accounting firm of Price Waterhouse & Co., has written and lectured extensively on the nonprofit organization and particularly on the church and synagogue. His approach is not aimed at the accountants and auditors and his book is written in such a manner that it can be helpful to all involved in synagogue finance.

"A major objective of this book is to help the nonprofit organization better communicate its financial activities and financial conditions to its members and the public," is the opening sentence of the Gross book. This is an evident weakness in the typical synagogue. It is his contention that the one characteristic most frequently absent in the financial statements and reports of nonprofit institutions is that they are not clear or understandable. For this he condemns the board as well as the membership.

"These statements must

represent straight-forward and candid reporting — that is, the statement must show exactly what has happened," states Gross.

**WRITING IN** The "Accounting Review" about the new Gross book, Robert W. Meyer states "... should be on the desk of every treasurer of a nonprofit organization ..." Gross also puts the onus on the treasurer when he states emphatically, "Another major responsibility of the treasurer is to anticipate the financial problems of the organization so that the board or membership can take steps to solve these problems on a timely basis."

However, every synagogue leader, be he concerned with or knowledgeable in the area of accounting will profit from reading just a single chapter in the 572 page volume by Gross. The chapter is but 21 pages long and it is the one that is titled, "The Importance of Budgeting."

"A BUDGET, like motherhood, is something very few would argue against. Yet, the area of preparing and using budgets in a meaningful manner is completely foreign to most nonprofit organizations," writes Gross. On reading this one gets the impression that the author must have attended scores of synagogue annual meetings and seen and heard the limp, often

unintelligible presentations that take place at such sessions. "A budget is a 'plan of action.' It represents the organizations blueprint for the coming months, or years, expressed in monetary terms," is the way Gross puts it. Translated into synagogue parlance, the budget is the religious, educational, cultural and social program proposed by the leadership in the belief that this (the budget) is what the synagogue members need and want.

Under the subtitle "Steps for Preparation" of the budget, Gross lists four things. Heading the list is something that so many synagogue leaders forget

in their budgetary labors. "A list of objectives or goals of the organization for the following year should be prepared. For many organizations this process will be essentially a re-evaluation of the relative priority of the existing programs," is the way Gross puts it.

**FOR THOSE** synagogue leaders who want to make a meaningful budget presentation this year, there's still time. Get a copy of Gross' book. You'll find it helpful.

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## Jesus In Blessings Discussed On TV

**CINCINNATI (P-O)** — The question of Jews resenting ministers using the name of Jesus Christ in invocations and benedictions at public meetings while some rabbis use Hebrew in similar situations was brought up on the National Conference of Christians and Jews broadcast over TV Station WKRC.

The moderator, Emerson S. Colaw, pastor of the Hyde Park Community Church said the rabbi at his luncheon club always uses Hebrew in his invocations. Monsignor Edward

Brueggeman, professor of theology at Xavier University, said he rather liked it when rabbis used Hebrew in their blessings or talks as it allowed him to refresh his knowledge of the language.

A black minister on the panel said he wouldn't be mad because unfortunately he would not be able to understand what the rabbi said. Rabbi Solomon Greenberg of Valley Chapel said he could not understand how anyone would object to use of the language of the Old Testament. He admitted some Jews dislike mention of Jesus in invocations and benedictions where there are Jewish members present.

Rev. Colaw contended that the Jews want the Christian ministers to be neuter while the rabbis can make sure everyone knows they are Jewish because they use Hebrew in the blessing. Rabbi Greenberg replied "Not at all. Some Jews are just uncomfortable when the minister or priest invokes Jesus' help in their meeting when they don't worship him."

## Interpreting Halachah

(Continued from Preceding Pg.) made by Rabbi Aaronson "That the mother's name be used together with the father's in all religious records" is implicit in the decision of the Law Committee. However, as with all of its rulings, the matter of implementation is left to the individual Rabbi.

Do we need another popular revolution for brides to have their mother's names mentioned on their K'tubot?

Rabbi Blumenthal will be happy to answer questions. He can be reached at 6666 Chetwood Ave., 292, Houston, Tex. 77036.

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## The Digest Of The Yiddish Press

## Bergman Says He's Guiltless

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER  
Gershon Jacobson, the editor of the *Algemeiner Journal*, scored another scoop with his five-hour interview of Rabbi Bernard Bergman, the Mizrahi leader charged with running a nursing home complex into illicit millions of dollars.



Silver

Returning home after a visit abroad, Bergman, who refused to see any other journalists, poured his heart out to Jacobson, denying everything he was accused of. Said he: he only owns two nursing homes, not many. He cherishes the aged and would not mistreat them. He's not a millionaire. He didn't mean to apply for Israeli citizenship. He did see John Hess, the New York Times man who launched the expose but

Hess refused to print the proofs he gave him of his innocence. He has no ties with the Mafia. God knows he is guiltless.

## Laugh, Jews Laugh

The man who made more Jews laugh for a longer time than probably any one in history finally succumbed to death at the age of 102.

Known as B. Kovner, his real name was Y. Adler, and he was a writer for the *Forward* since 1897. A splendid satirist and rollicking comedian, he walked in the path of Shalom Alechem in creating vignettes and types of American life.

His most famous inventions were Yente Telebende and Moische Kapoier, names which were incorporated into the Yiddish language (representing the shrew and the shlemiel who did everything kapoier, backwards). Author of many books and plays as well as thousands of articles, Kovner's works were printed in virtually every Yiddish periodical appearing anywhere during this century.

He was contributing laugh-provoking pieces and poems to the *Forward's* humor page (Shtif-kind, a play on the two meanings of the word shtif in Yiddish — step and jest) up to the very end.

Kovner retired to South Gulfport, Fla. back in the '30s. There he helped to found congregation Beth Shalom which he served as president for 10 years and from which he was buried. Typical of his career is the title of one of his books, "Laugh, Jews, Laugh." Kovner had a New Haven period. His survivors include two daughters, two sons, 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Rabbi Sam Silver can be reached at Temple Sinai, Lakeside Drive, Stamford, Conn. 06903.

## TORAH THOUGHT

By Z. A. Hilsenrad

On Pesach at the Seder we recite, "If He had merely brought us to Mount Sinai but had not given us the Torah — Da-yeinu — it would have been enough."

This is paradoxical. What would we have achieved by merely nearing Sinai if we had not in addition accepted the Torah?

Here is one of the many suggested answers. What was the essence of the test of our father Avrohom at the Akeidas Yitzchok? His Mesiras Nefesh — his readiness to sacrifice his own life, or that which was then even dearer to him than life — in order to fulfill G-d's will.

WE CAN DRAW the same analogy with the Children of Israel. Let us consider the facts and draw logical conclusions. There is a people in Egypt, descendants of Yaakov, which conforms to the life-style of the land. Later after the Exodus they were to cry, "We remember the fish we were wont to eat in Egypt." Clearly, except for the rigorous work, a considerable number were on the whole satisfied with their lot. The many who did not want to leave, died and were buried during the plague of darkness.

And here Moshe Rabbeinu appears and tells them that they are to leave Egypt and accept a Torah which demands a completely new way of life. They are to be under the Torah's discipline every waking moment. No longer will they be permitted to eat what and whenever they want. Torah study is an unrelenting duty whenever time permits. Three times a day they must recite

## THE LOX BOX

## A Writer On The Roof

By MARTIN MOSKOVITZ

My family has assigned to me the left hand side of a three by four hallway clothes closet in which to do my writing. The closet is a nice place to visit, but . . .

My chair extends out into the hallway when I'm working and it has casters. If anyone wants to pass they just wheel me aside.

I used to write in the kitchen, but around our house the business of eating is serious and endless. Editors used to recognize my manuscripts immediately on account of the spaghetti sauce and chicken fat stains.

And then there was that short tenure in the bathroom. At least I had privacy, that was, after the morning rush. But I had too much trouble balancing the typewriter on the rim of the bathtub.

The living room? That's hermetically sealed and opened only in the event of VIP guests, like anybody from my wife's family for instance.

The family room is definitely out of the question. It's the community center of the household and it contains three active TV's and a very, very loud stereo. Besides, my kids complained that the clacking of my noiseless electric typewriter disturbed them.

So what's left? But I'll stick to the closet. Really — a writer on the roof??

prayers. Their money and all worldly possessions are no longer under their control. They must tithe and give to the Levi and the poor. In short they are about to accept a yoke on their necks. The Jewish people learn that the nations of Eisov and Yishmael had refused this yoke, preferring instead their free and easy life.

HOW GREAT THEN was the test on the part of the Jewish people to reply from the depths of hearts overflowing with simple wholehearted faith. "Na'aseh V'nishma," "We will do and hear," an expression denoting wholehearted, unquestioning belief, acceptance

of the yoke.

This reply in itself proved conclusively that our ancestors had already acquired the requisite Mesiras Nefesh and love of G-d. By merely coming near Sinai and agreeing to accept the Torah they fulfilled the purpose of the Exodus and accepted their unique destiny. For this alone we merited becoming the Am Segulah, G-d's unique, treasured, beloved people.

(If you are interested in the Torah Home Study Program, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Z.A. Hilsenrad, 529 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.)

## Carless Days Drive Launched

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — A mail campaign to secure two days of the week as non-driving has been launched by The Times of Israel, Jewish magazine, which is distributing car stickers on which is shown the two days in which no driving will be allowing.

The letter accompanying the stickers asserted that "we are the colonies who must revolt and free ourselves from tyranny." It asserted that the oil boycott and blackmail price increase was illegal and an act of war and urged that "we must confiscate any of the Arab money . . . and arrest those in possession and charge them . . . with . . . complicity in the murders this money has been used to buy."

## Not For Children Only

By YISRAEL WISE

## UNMIX AND MATCH THE FACTS

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| 1) LMAKEA  | A) Oldest synagogue in U.S. is here  |
| 2) BASTHAB | B) Levi & Simeon destroyed this city |
| 3) EHMECHS | C) Ancestor of enemies of the Jews   |
| 4) VANOS   | D) Comes after six                   |
| 5) WENTROP | E) Ahab took his vineyards           |

## MINHAG YISROEL: JEWISH CUSTOM

**SHEVA BROCHOS** — The week following the wedding is a week of feasting. The bride and groom are considered like king and queen. The origin of this feasting is found in the Biblical passage where Jacob marries Leah and Rachel. You will recall, a switch was made; Jacob wanted to marry Rachel but Leah substituted for her. At that time Laban, Jacob's father-in-law said "Fulfill this week (of feasting)". The seven blessings referred to in the title are the same seven blessings recited at the Chupah. Each night, a feast is held, with at least one new face — someone who previously had not been to the wedding, and these blessings are recited at the conclusion of the Grace After Meals. During the week of Sheva Brochos, neither the Bride nor the Groom may go out of their dwelling, or anywhere else for that matter, without the company of the other.

## MILAH IVRIT: Hebrew word for . . .

**OIL** — No matter what kind of oil you're talking about, they're all called SHEMEN. Similarly, any type of grease or fat, particularly that which it is forbidden to eat, is called SHOO-MAWN. A person who is fat is described by the word SHAW-MANE. The same word also refers to fertile land, and which is "fat" in minerals and nutrients, and therefore suitable for planting.

Answers: 1) Amalek-c 2) Sabbath-d 3) Shechem-b 4) Navose 5) Newport-a

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## visiting with rhoda hauptman



I don't know about you readers, but my mail box is always crammed full of catalogs. There was a time when I looked through those booklets eagerly. Once in a while, I even ordered some of the novelty items they featured.

That was years ago, and gradually I reached the saturation point, the point, I think you could say, of no return. At least for the companies who put out their nets to catch fish like me, there was no return. As for me, the former sucker, I had all the novelties that my pocketbook and my cupboards could accommodate.

Fine. At least, that's what I figured. Not so the catalog people. In their bright lexicon, there is no word for "fail." I began to receive veiled threats: "Mrs. Hauptman, we will have to remove your name from our files and our mailing list unless we get an order from you before March 1!" Or, a more plaintive: "It's been so long since we have heard from the Hauptman Family on Cornell Avenue in Chicago. We do hope that you haven't forgotten your good friends at Speedy-Needy Gift Company."

**FAT CHANCE!** These missives (you could almost call them "duns") came so regularly. Also, there developed a new dimension — a phenomenon. Where once I had ordered from one or two or, at the most, three firms, I was now receiving perhaps 30 different catalogs — some of them from firms I had never heard of, selling items I did not dream existed, and for which I had absolutely no use or desire. And even these new companies had the chutzpah to threaten and cajole and invoke the sanction of removing my name from THEIR mailing lists unless they had an order from me in the not-too-distant future!

It seems to me that this business of catalogs is something like infinity. It goes on and on, world without end, Amen. This morning I tried to pry a half dozen of the throwaway booklets out of what I had once foolishly thought was an ample mailbox but that was before I had made my first purchase by mail. Buying by mail is like taking dope. Once you have started it, THEY just won't let you quit, the pushers, I mean.

**WELL, IN MY MAIL** this morning were three catalogs. By this time, the merchandise purveyed has run the gamut from 89 cent items, reduced from \$1, which can sometimes be had for two for \$1.50, to signed numbered little trinkets with which, for a mere \$1,500 or so, you get a certificate of ownership. You do not, however, get a certificate of mental health. In fact, you would probably be declared certifiable if you did your art collecting from a catalog!

Some of the firms, naturally, assure you that "you must be absolutely delighted with each and every article purchased or your money will be cheerfully refunded." Now, I'm a trusting person, but I'd still hate to take a chance on getting cash returned for more than, say, a \$3.79 expenditure. Could be there'd be one of those plaintive letters. Could be they'd threaten not to send me any more of those catalogs. And then what would I do for laughs?

## Rabbi Would Aid Jews Exiting Israel

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — responsible for immigration matters, has insisted that another rabbinical voice has been added to those who feel that it is incumbent on the Jewish community to provide assistance to those Jews who wish to leave Israel after having already been assisted to reach Israel from a land of distress.

Rabbi Richard J. Marx, of Congregation Solel, said the Jewish Agency which he incorrectly labelled as the official arm of the Israel government

responsible for immigration matters, has insisted that another rabbinical voice has been added to those who feel that it is incumbent on the Jewish community to provide assistance to those Jews who wish to leave Israel after having already been assisted to reach Israel from a land of distress.

"In my opinion," he wrote in his bulletin, "Jews have a responsibility to help other Jews whether they are going to Israel or coming from Israel."

By Dr. Rose Franzblau

## Symptoms Of Homosexuality?

### QUESTION

My son, just 15, it appears to me has symptoms of homosexuality.



**Dr. Franzblau** class mates. But, he has never dated a girl. He does meet them at parties to which he is invited.

Our daughter 12, is a darling, beautiful girl and very outgoing. She is already flirtatious with boys. I must say she is very special to my husband. He is very proud of her and lets all of us know it.

**OUR SON** is close to me. He always answers questions, but never confides in me or anyone else. Recently when I asked him if he liked boys better than girls, he looked shocked. He apparently got my message. The next day he said he wanted to see a psychiatrist to work out something that is bothering him. I didn't ask, and he never told me what is upsetting him.

He does nicely in high school. I never have had any complaints about him from teachers, friends, or neighbors. I have kept this from my husband. He is a good, sweet man, and I don't want to upset him.

### ANSWER

Parents often like to take on the role of diagnostician and therapist. Their scrutiny and constant observation of their child only shows what dedicated parents they are. They look for symptoms of problems. By disciplining and criticizing the youngster's behavior, they feel they keep the problem from developing and becoming a serious one.

At first, the youngster loves the constant attention that is gotten from the parents. But after a while, the inevitable conclusion is that the parent is always looking for bad things and does not see anything good that the child has done or achieved.

**IN ADOLESCENCE**, where the youngster is in the process of finding himself in many areas, such an attitude on the part of the parents not only holds him back in his psychological and social development but causes him to reach bad and erroneous conclusions about himself.

The boy is concerned about whether he will be found desirable, and the girl whether she will be sought out by boys.

Afraid that this may not come to pass, they revert back to friendships with their peers while they survey the territory.

**IN A SITUATION** like yours, where the females in the family are treated like the most important people in their father's life, being a male means being a second class citizen who will always be rejected.

To get attention and love from the father, the boy will begin to act like his sister. From his observations, this is the way to gain an important standing in the family. But this does not mean that the youngster is or wishes to be a homosexual. He is merely fighting in the only way he knows how to get status in his parent's life and the security he needs. Again, when your son sees his little sister so outgoing and making overtures to males, he rates himself as a failure.

**IN IMPLYING** that your son's lack of a social life with girls marks him as being a homosexual, you are punishing him for not moving ahead as quickly as he might have liked. You are also admitting that you didn't do as good a job in raising your son as you did in raising your daughter. Bringing

your feelings about him out into the open by the questions you asked was a way of fighting the wrong that you felt you have done.

That your son, and really on his own, asked to go for therapy is very much in his favor, and is also a forecast that he will benefit greatly from it.

**AT HIS AGE**, wanting to go for help is a sign of real maturity. He evidently realizes that to try to talk things out with his parents who are emotionally involved with him would not clarify any of his problems. You should certainly tell his father that his son wants to go for therapy and gain his approval and financial support of the project. However, neither one of you should pry or delve into why he has made this decision by asking him questions.

You should seek a referral to a psychiatrist who specializes in work with adolescents from your family doctor or a hospital or medical school in your area.

(Dr. Franzblau will be happy to entertain any questions from P-O readers. They should be addressed to her care of The Post and Opinion, 101 5th Ave., New York City 10003.)

## Just Between Us

### Missing The Boat

By HELEN MINTZ

The Queen Elizabeth II sailed without me. Somehow my bank



account fell just short of the \$97,035 for the duplex penthouse. I couldn't even fork up the \$4,600 which would entitle me to my very own life raft.

**HELEN** In a time of economic gloom, it's nice to know an 80 day round-the-world cruise can be handled easily by a boat load of well-heeled passengers. I guess they will just leave a little less money to their children.

**IT'S SO BEYOND** my reach it's even hard to imagine what it would be like. I've taken the ferry to Staten Island. Yes, it must be something like that only with hot and cold running meals. It's not that I'm the least bit jealous. After all, I just returned from my winter vacation at the exclusive one of a kind, Hotel Mother-in-Law.

I can recover from "missing the boat," but when I read that the 1975 New York Social Register was published a half inch shorter and with 57 fewer pages, I take umbrage. I remarked to my husband, "Darling, don't you think there was a slight oversight? Surely a writer of my caliber should have been included? Not only that, I'm prolific. I could have provided them with a mere 57 pages!"

**ALWAYS THE** practical one,

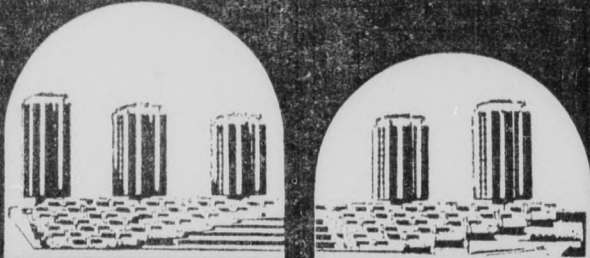
he put down the \$23 little black book with red stripes, stared at me with an incredulous look that one always has when peering over the top of new bifocals and simply stated, "Don't fret sweetie, it's only because the facts were assembled by computer, why else?" Why else indeed! Of course he's right. I should have known a computer would have never heard of me. Let's face it. Does a computer subscribe to the JPO?

I've gotten used to not being in "Who's Who?" "Who's Her?" is more like it. In case anyone is compiling a "Who's Her," just list me as a writer who types faster than she cleans a toilet bowl. The transition for me is never any easy one. List me as a "standing" in the beauty shop. I figure this "Who's Who" of the beauty shop set keeps my name and face in the public eye, even though when I leave they still say, "Who's Her?" I'm a name in a phone book, alphabetically speaking, but it's never my very own. But then again I've learned to answer back when called Jack. List me as somebody's mother, a household word.

**THERE'S LITTLE** satisfaction in knowing Queen Elizabeth is somebody's mother and a household word. At least she got a ship named after her. Who would ever set sail on THE HELEN MINTZ! Forget "Who's Who?" or "Who's Her?" I'd just be a "What's That?!"

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## Jewish Women

## 'Spoiled As Hell'

TORONTO — Jewish women who attend painting classes, yoga, therapy and weight watching came under heavy criticism from Dr. Ben Schlesinger, a member of the social work faculty of the University of Toronto.

**SPEAKING** on a symposium sponsored by the Jewish Public Library, he charged that Jewish women "are spoiled as hell," according to The Canadian Jewish News here. He qualified his remarks by stating that he intended to give "a prejudiced man's opinion of what is happening to the Jewish woman in Toronto today."

He then castigated the women who don't want to have families. "It is a small group," he claimed, "which opposes our traditional view on children, but I predict that the new trend

will grow. They want marriages, yes, but children, no."

**HE ASKED:** "What's wrong with the home? As they become more educated, their frustrations increase."

A full house at Shaarei Shomayim synagogue then heard Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner interpret the Orthodox view.

Quoting the Torah, he declared, "it is not good that man shall be alone. He was found wanting, incomplete by God, and woman is the completion. Women shall help him by relieving him of certain responsibilities so that he can perform his work better in a limited sphere. She shall be neither with man nor against him, but shall function in a way which is uniquely hers. Man and woman must complement each other."

## ADL Head Says This Arab Goal

## Arab Oil Billions To Make U.S. Business Judenrein

JERUSALEM — The bald declaration that the Arab oil billions will be used to make American business judenrein was predicted here by Arnold Forster, associate national director and general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

He told Moshe Kohn of the Jerusalem Post that although the first goal of the Arab oil wealth is to make safe investments, they will then employ their holdings to expand the boycott of Israel and make American business judenrein.

**IN SUPPORT** of his view, he said that preliminary checks by the ADL have shown that the

Arabs have bought into and are negotiating the purchase of newspapers and magazine and book-publishing chains. "Arab investments in the United States are already so vast that merely gathering the evidence is a formidable task," he asserted.

Forster said the goal of the ADL concern with Arab investments is to see that they "are not accompanied by any anti-Israel or anti-Jewish conditions. The ADL is opposed to restrictive legislation," he said.

**FORSTER WENT SO FAR,** according to the interview, as to assert that the U.S. is encouraging the investments partly because the Arabs will have a stake in a sound American economy and partly because the U.S. will be in a position to confiscate Arab holdings in the same way that the Arab countries have confiscated American holdings.

As for the world of academe, Forster stated that the ADL is "frightened" by the way in which American universities and scholarly foundations "are now looking for each other." He said the Arabs are offering big foundation grants to U.S. uni-



ARNOLD FORSTER  
... ADL frightened

versities who on their part are "out soliciting Arab grants." He named some of America's most prestigious universities, but not for publication, according to Kohn.

## Three Couples Have Differing Views

## Can We Live With Intermarriage?

MILWAUKEE — A discussion on what to do about intermarriage in the family found three couples stating the classic Jewish position in opposition but not too much agreement between the three wives and their husbands.

Two of the husbands seemed to indicate that they could live with intermarriage of their children. All three couples had children ranging in age from 12 to 22, only one of which is married — and that to a Jew — and two of the wives were less resigned.

**"WE ARE JUST** pretending in an intellectual exercise if we think we're discussing anything less than the survival of Judaism," said Ben Chernov at Congregation Emanu El B'ne Jeshurun. His wife expressed the view that, "I have to be honest. I have to separate my child and her happiness from my Judaism."

The prediction that one of their three children will intermarry was made by Mrs. Russell Eisenberg. "We're trying to do everything we can in our home to emphasize Judaism including keeping a kosher home," she said, ac-

cording to the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle. She then added:

"I could deal with it more effectively if my child married someone who was not a strong practicing Christian." And not as an afterthought, she expressed the view that she would prefer that the intermarriage involve one of her girls so the grandchildren would be Jewish.

**IT WAS HER** husband who took a more philosophic view. "I don't think both parties have to be Jewish to have a happy marriage. I wouldn't be absolutely crushed if they married someone who wasn't Jewish.

But the common Jewish religion would give them something to fall back on," he said.

A strong Jewish position was voiced by Mrs. Joe Shutkin, who said that unless there is a marriage with a Jewish background the end of Judaism is near "because the children are free to call a halt to the survival of the Jewish people."

It was her husband who said that "It is wishful thinking to think that we can make the ultimate decision for our children."

Comment from Rabbi Dudley Weinberg was to the effect that, "We don't have ultimate concerns about our Judaism that we transmit to our children."

**FROM THE FLOOR** came the confession of one woman, who appeared very upset at the trend of the discussion, according to the Chronicle, and admitted that all three of her children had married out of the faith although she follows the Jewish traditions and sought to instill these values in her children.

## Recognition Asked For All Rabbis

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (P-O) — The Ministry of Religion in Israel was called upon to authorize all rabbis, not only the Orthodox, to officiate at life cycle occasions and to encourage growth of already existing Conservative and Reform congregations.

The call was issued at the Western States Region of the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative), which reelected Rabbi Sidney S. Guthman of Long Beach as president. The resolution emanated from the session which was held jointly with Reform rabbis. Another resolution urged the government of Israel to resist all attempts to amend the Law Of Return which would in effect invalidate conversions performed by Conservative and Reform rabbis.

## Adopt A Child Ads In Dailies

TORONTO — Pioneer Women is using the daily press to appeal for funds to help needy Israeli children. An advertising campaign recently brought in \$5,000 and the project will be repeated shortly.

The advertisements calls on readers to adopt a child in Israel. The cost for a full year's care is set at \$300, but partial sponsorships also are possible.

## Shahak's Loyalty Investigated

JERUSALEM — Although Hebrew U. officials have rejected demands that they take action against Prof. Israel Shahak, who accuses Israel of brutal repression of Arabs in the occupied territories and has often been tabbed a traitor, the Justice Department has opened an inquiry into the matter. Dr. Shahak is charged with expressing support for the PLO.

Heading those who believe that the professor has exceeded the bounds of loyalty to Israel is Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, who occupies the chair of law at Tel Aviv University.

Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of the Interior, recently rejected a demand from a Parliament member that the citizenship of Dr. Shahak be revoked.

## FOREST DYING

## Cause Is Mysterious

JERUSALEM — Some of the world's top tree scientists have been baffled by the mysterious death of trees in the Sha'ar Haggai forest near Jerusalem. The latest group to attempt to find the cause for the affliction is headed by Prof. Abraham Fahn, who had collected a team of experts who have been studying the condition of the trees for the past three months. Prior to his attempt, the Forest Research Institute at Ilanot had spent half a year in an unsuccessful search.

Even Prof. Allesandro de Phillipis of the University of Florence, considered the foremost expert on Mediterranean Forests could find no clue.

Already 6,000 trees have been cut down, and it is likely that another 50,000 are still standing but lifeless.

It is the Jerusalem pine species that is dying out. Other species including other pine trees are not affected. But what concerns the Jewish National Fund most is that the Jerusalem pine, known also as the Aleppo pine, is the mainstay of its forests throughout Israel.

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## Young Jewish Activist

## Community In Crisis

By YOSSEI KLEIN

There is a new book out which you should have heard about but probably haven't. It is a book that deals with the problems of American Jewry, and what it has to say should shake that community from its



Klein

leadership to its peripheral affiliates. But it won't. And some of the reasons for that are precisely what's wrong with American Jewry.

The book is called, "American Jews: Community in Crisis" (Doubleday, 297 pp., \$7.95). Its author, Gerald Strobe, merits a few introductory words. Mr. Strobe spent the past five years as a consultant to the Interreligious Affairs department of the American Jewish Committee, and it is only fair to the reader to mention — as Strobe does in his Afterword — that he converted to Christianity at the age of eighteen, but "after long and careful reflection" decided last year "to return to the house of his fathers." (Strobe's own words)

I INTERVIEWED Mr. Strobe several weeks ago, though in all honesty that was only a pretext on my part to meet with him. I did bring along three pages of questions concerning points raised in his book, but we got so involved in our rap that I never got around to most of them.

Gerald Strobe is obviously an interesting man, and his book is, at the very least, controversial and stimulating. Why, then, has it been so neglected?

"There are certain problems which I guess we would rather not face," said Strobe, adding that the Jewish Establishment has basically refrained from responding in any way (Marc Tanenbaum's letter to the P-O several months ago disassociating the AJC from Strobe's book is somewhat of an exception) to his open challenge against many of their policies — which is, incidentally, typical of their general method of operation.

"AMERICAN JEWS: Community in Crisis" covers an impressive range of topics — from American Jewry's relations with Jewish communities abroad and

gentile society at home to its own internal struggles and direction. Strobe's assessments, as his title suggests, are hardly encouraging.

On the question of Soviet Jewry, the author finds us derelict in our much-vaunted efforts, a fault he attributes to the empty tactical approach and plain negligence of the established organizations. But his real anger is directed not toward the professional staff worker but the lay leadership, gentlemen of the Max Fisher persuasion who, like the shtadlanim of the past, opt for the role of subservient Jew rather than engage in effective power politics. As an example, Strobe notes that the virtual Jewish silence that greeted Leonid Brezhnev during his 1973 visit to the United States, a silence which Washington bought very cheaply — and continues to buy on every significant Jewish concern.

Turning to Jewish-gentile relations, Strobe is no less harsh in his criticism of the Jewish Establishment. There is no "natural alliance" between Jews and Blacks, and there probably never was, though Jewish organizations have often expended more energy and funds toward maintaining that nebulous ideal than they did on behalf of Jewish causes such as the plight of Soviet Jewry.

STROBE BELIEVES that a "significant segment of Jewish leadership" is infected with "an almost pathological unwillingness to face reality." And he is disturbingly specific about the realities we face: "The spread of anti-Jewish attitudes from extremists to rank-and-file elements of the black community, the trend toward quotas and away from the principle of merit in employment and educational opportunities, the diminution of Jewish political clout, the renaissance of ethnic identification among groups traditionally hostile to Jewish experience, the joining together of a great industrial force with the Arab lobby and the general tenor of domestic uneasiness and instability resulting from Watergate are all factors pointing toward serious trouble for the Jewish community." (p. 280)

There is more. Strobe cautions against a Jewish coalition with the liberal Protestant churches, who, through their coordinating body, the

National Council of Churches, have consistently adopted an anti-Israel line. He ridicules those Jewish leaders who are apologetic for the NCC, and sees their behavior as part of a continuing, destructive strain in the American Jewish psyche, namely, the obsessive desire to retain illusions of liberal alliances that no longer exist.

The essence of Strobe's message is a ridiculous one — ridiculous in its simplicity, and ridiculous in that it must nevertheless be repeated again and again to American Jews and their leaders. The message being that Jews must judge those issues which affect their collective future on one criterion alone: Is it good for the Jews? And finally, once that question has been determined, Jews must pursue their goals aggressively, uncompromisingly.

STROBE acknowledges that much of JDL's success can be attributed to its ability to grasp these points, especially since rival organizations lost touch with issues that had become basic to the grass-roots Jew. But the author is no fist-waving supporter of the League. Actually, he is in a curious and rather unenviable position. On the one hand, people like myself reading his by-now trite condemnations of JDL's "methods" as opposed to its "goals" will react with anger or, more likely, disappointment. But his inference that JDL has filled a vacuum in the Jewish community caused by the Establishment's abrogation of their own responsibilities will certainly not endear him to them either.

In a sense, though, Strobe's ambiguity on certain issues is a strong plus on his behalf. He does not claim to have all the answers — and he doesn't. Nor is he a prophet; events have already by-passed prophecy. What Strobe does offer is the perceptiveness of an outsider and the concern of a community member. He forces us to confront those problems which are already choking us, much as we may try to pretend otherwise. "American Jews: Community in Crisis" is a breath of sanity, nothing more. It makes no pretenses to being anything else.

GERALD STROBE has much to offer American Jewry, but he is still searching for his place in the Jewish community. For our sake, I hope he finds it.

## Big Welcome Mat Is Out For Jews In New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (P-O) — A pamphlet prepared to persuade Jewish families to move to this Island paradise has not proven too effective, according to Alexander Schiff, the United HIAS representative here.

Although prospects for newcomers to this English-speaking nation are most inviting, the responses to the 4,000 pamphlets that were distributed were minimal, with almost no inquiries from the United States.

EXCEPT FOR the influx of Jews from Russia, who have been most welcome, those who wrote to Mr. Schiff after receiving the pamphlet mainly wanted financial assistance. Mr. Schiff explained that newcomers are aided and welcomed in every way, but rarely financially.

There is almost no unemployment and the government provides free hospitalization, medicine, sickness benefits, family benefits and old age benefits.

The way of life is typically middle-class the brochure explains, and 80 per cent of New Zealanders own their own

homes, the average suburban dwelling costing only \$15,000.

NEW ZEALAND is predominantly an agricultural country and its exciting scenic wonders are proclaimed wherever travelers congregate.

The Jewish population is quite small, and out of a total population of three million, approximately 93 per cent European, there are only about 4,500 Jews.

First Jewish settlers arrived here 130 years ago, and anti-Semitism is practically nonexistent. No public office has ever been denied a Jew, and there has been a Jewish Prime Minister, a Jewish Chief Justice, Jewish members of Parliament, and a number in the judiciary and mayoralty. The community supports five Orthodox Congregations and two Liberal congregations located in Wellington, Dunedin, Hastings, Auckland, and Christchurch.

TEMPERATURES are similar to cities in the North Temperate zone, with some additional rainfall during the year.

The brochures may be secured by writing to Mr. Schiff at P.O. Box 6377, Wellington, New Zealand.

## Breira Begins Mail Activity

NEW YORK — Breira, the new organization which believes there are other options than those Israel is now pursuing, has mailed its supporters reprints of a number of articles calling for negotiations with the PLO provided it renounces claims to Israel's extinction.

The new body on whose advisory committee are such familiar U.S. Jewish names as Rabbi Leonard Beerman, Rabbi Eugene Borowitz, Rabbi Balfour

Brickner, Rabbi Ira Eisenstein and Rabbi Robert Gordis among others, enclosed two recent statements from members of the committee — one by Shulamit Aloni of the Israeli Knesset and the other by Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf. Another item was an article by Uri Avneri which appeared in Ha'aretz, Israel morning daily last July and later was reprinted in a publication of the Israel government.

## Merger Talks Are Continuing

NEW YORK — Merger talks between committees of the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress are continuing, and approximately a dozen meetings of the two committees have already been held, Elmer Winter, AJC committee president, told The Post and Opinion. He used the words "heavily engaged" in responding to a question about when results could be expected.

He pointed out that there was the question of the affiliation of the American Jewish

Congress with the World Jewish Congress, and the problem of those communities in which there are chapters both of the Congress and the Committee.

## Stolen Torah Is Returned

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The mystery of the stolen Torah remained a mystery, although it, a prayer shawl, the rabbi's robe and other religious artifacts are safely back at Congregation Nevi Shalom in suburban Bowie, Md. The items were placed on the doorstep of Seymour Olchak, a retired Jewish policeman who lives near the temple after a mysterious telephone call asking if he'd like to have them returned through him with no questions asked. He agreed.

No one has claimed the \$100 reward offered by the Congregation.

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The year 1975 will be marked by historians as the year that



Mrs. Steinberg golden years that they have spent together as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 10.

The former Mayme Dorman and Oscar Tavel were married in 1925 in Indianapolis by the late Rabbi Fuerlicht. They are the parents of two children, a daughter, Mrs. Alvin Levenson (Ann) and a son, Dr. Morton Tavel, both of Indianapolis.

MAYME AND OSCAR, who enjoy spending the winter season in Sarasota where artist, Mayme, carts up her easels and catches up on her painting, decided to plan their anniversary celebration a little ahead of schedule so that they could celebrate the occasion in Indianapolis.

Shades of yellow and gold splendidly decorated the Monument Room in the Hilton Hotel, party setting for the Tavel golden anniversary. Participants in the golden evening enjoyed their dinner by candlelight, and as the bride and groom of 50 years cut the first slice from the wedding cake trimmed in gold with a bride (with grey hair) and groom atop, the pianist played "I Love You Truly" for Mayme and Oscar.

Poster-size blow-ups of Mayme and Oscar at their original wedding 50 years ago were surprise decorations for Mayme and Oscar obtained for the affair by the children of the Tavels.

OUT-OF-TOWN guests included nieces and nephews of Mayme and Oscar, Mrs. Gloria Mills of Tampa, Rabbi and Mrs. Gary Klein of Cincinnati, Dr. Lester Tavel of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Solove of Columbus, Ohio. Oscar's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max Tavel of Toledo and his sister-in-law, Mrs. David Tavel of Cincinnati also were among the out-of-town guests.

Vacationing in Florida were Hoosiers, Dr. and Mrs. David (Kit) Tavel, who flew back to Indianapolis to share in this happy occasion with Mayme and Oscar. Also attending were family members, Lil and David Levitt, Ann Stolkin, Sara Marcus, Dorothy and Bob Dorman and Tobie and Ben Dorman.

Also surrounding their parents and grandparents at the golden celebration were the Tavels' daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Alvin Levenson, the Tavels' granddaughter, Lori Levenson who came in from Miami University in Oxford for the occasion and granddaughter Martha Levenson and Mayme and Oscar's son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Morton and Carole Tavel and grandchildren, Elizabeth, Bobby and Michael Tavel.

IT WAS AN evening that will long be remembered by Mayme and Oscar and their guests and as the partygoers departed for the evening they received a small white pastry box tied with a golden ribbon, containing a piece of the anniversary cake as a remembrance of the celebration.

## MAZEL TOV

To Ruth and Sam Wolf on the celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary!

To Florence Perk and Harry Sering on their recent marriage!

To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Berkowitz on the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary!

To Victor Goldberg on the celebration of his 75th birthday!

To Joseph Baerncopf on the celebration of his 85th birthday!

To Philip Adler Jr. on the celebration of his 75th birthday!

To Walter Wolf Sr. on the celebration of his 75th birthday!

## COMINGS AND GOINGS...

Mrs. Morris (Sylvia) Katz recently vacationed down South with her beautiful daughter Jill who currently resides in Boston. Sylvia and Jill were busy trousseau shopping for Jill's upcoming wedding to be held this coming spring in Indianapolis.

Jerry Calderon, a sophomore at Indiana University and the son of Sue and Hy Calderon, recently vacationed in California visiting relatives and friends.

Home from sunny Acapulco are Betty and Ernie Calderon and their two lovely daughters.

RECENTLY TRAVELING to San Juan, Puerto Rico, were Hoosiers, Rae and Harry Nahmias, Ricci and Jack Cohen, Sylvia and Jack Alboher, Dorren and Meyer Nahmias, Dee and Leon Calderon and Janice and Ike Nisenbaum.

Claudette and Larry Einhorn and their children Leslie and Gregg are home from a vacation in Florida where they visited with Larry's parents.

Home from a vacation in California are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Silbert and their children Lisa and Sara.

## A HA'IMA WELCOME

The Ha'ima chapter of Hadassah welcomed new members into their chapter with a get-acquainted coffee at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Marsha) Frisch on Oakwood Drive recently.

EXECUTIVE BOARD members Judy Libby, Wendy Cohen, Sharon Fishman, Marsha Frisch and Ha'ima's president, Mrs. Ted (Judy) Sosin were on hand to welcome new members into the group.

Among the new members joining Ha'ima were Karen Berman, Lynn Miller, Linda Abels, Anita Miller, Judy Schwartz and Yael Kahanov.

The next event on tap for Ha'ima members will be an afternoon meeting on Feb. 18 where a member of the Consumer Protection Agency will

address the ladies on smart shopping! Anyone interested in attending the meeting or joining Ha'ima may contact Judy Sosin at 846-6035.

## ARTIST CORNER

Leah Traugott has captured first prize in the Hoosier Salon Exhibition at Block's. The exhibit which featured 715 paintings awarded Leah first prize in the still-life category.

Also chosen for exhibition in the Hoosier Salon collection was a painting by Ellie Siskind.

## HOOVERWOOD BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating their birthdays in January at a recent party held at Hooverwood were Etta Bassin, Joseph Randolph, Harry Goldberg, Dr. Sidney Aronson, Mary McFarland, Bertha

Cohen, Anna Levi, Fanny Zaidmen, Doris Anderson, Geraldine Clippenger, Mabel Russell, Nora Byrd, Getta Freedman and Freda Roberts. Helping the Hooverwood residents to celebrate were chairman of the monthly birthdays, Mrs. Norman (Laura) Weisman and her co-chairman, Mrs. Irving (Ida) Silver.

## JOTTINGS...

New members of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation are Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey N. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Goldstein, Mr. Irwin Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Schrager, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Strauss.

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## Pamela Weissman Exchanges Vows With Terry C. Waldman

Pamela Weissman, daughter of Mrs. Faye Weissman of Indianapolis, and Al Weissman of Miami Beach, Fla., exchanged wedding vows recently with Terry C. Waldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Waldman, 7002 Spring Mill Road at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. Rabbi Sidney Steiman and Cantor Robert Zalkin officiated.

Grandmother of the bridegroom is Mrs. Celia Walman, 405 Fairway Drive.

The bride is a graduate of Indiana University and attended North Central High School. The bridegroom also attended North Central High School and is a graduate of Indiana University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity.

Following a honeymoon in Miami Beach, the newlyweds will take up residence in Indianapolis at 815 Lincolnwood Lane.

## POST-MARKED

## 25 Years Ago

Julian Kiser, Martin Lerner, David Cook, Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt and Charles Posner were appointed to service on national committees of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

Don Stillerman was appointed chairman of the Jewish Community Center Purim Carnival. Rabbi Raphael Sloba announced that ingredients used in baking by the Regen Baking Co. were kosher.

Mrs. Walter Wolf and Mrs. Alfred Wolfenstein were elected to the Board of Directors of United Service for New Americans.

## 10 Years Ago

Shoolem Ettinger, national vice-president of the Zionists of America organization, gave a

report on the recent World Zionist Congress at which he was a delegate.

The president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was featured at a champagne brunch at the home of Mrs. Howard Kahn. Mrs. Eugene Glick was co-hostess.

Bar Mitzvahs were announced for Ronald Stewart Waife and Steven Alexander Bryan.

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Raleigh increased its first place lead by winning 21½-9½ over Schuchman Metals. The

Chalfie team was led by Dave Gilman and Larry Warshawsky with 566 and 505 respectively, while Raleigh was led by Bob Lutz's 565 and Rolly Koplow's 552.

Elliott Gold led Schuchman with a 576 series. The Schuchman team is in third place with Weight Watchers, Style Store and Mel Simon rounding out the top positions. Lou Yaver's 591 and Mel Goldsmith's 590 were the high individual scorers for the day.

## Teen Scene

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declamation and seventh in original oratory. Last Saturday, he received a first and third place ribbon in these same fields.

Helen's area is girls' extemporaneous. She placed first in the 11th meet and second on the 25th.

Ross Galzier received third place acknowledgement in boys' extemp while Ivan Stillerman, during the two meets, was awarded a second place ribbon for impromptu and a fifth place for original oratory.

ANOTHER LOCALE where forensics was helpful was the Jan. 8 AZA 246 elections. The power struggle between Sam Kline, past president, and Gregg Mitchell, former vice-president, has ended. Gregg as president is planning to "stress parliamentary procedure to the point where it will make the club more of an organization." Keith Fried as the new vice-president seems willing for the moment to support Gregg in all his endeavors. Andy Kleit is the new secretary and Ed Tobias is the new treasurer. Sam Kline is serving as the Moreh in charge of AITs-Alephs in Training.

In this short time the new officers have been active. A party was held in commemoration of Superbowl Nine, (although there was not much of a relationship, it's a great excuse for a party), on Sunday, Jan. 12. The following week AZA 246 went ice skating at the Ice Dome North.

IN KEEPING with tradition, Bingo Nights at Hooverwood have been held on a monthly basis. AZA 246 fulfills a distinguished public service by sponsoring this event. Winners of the most games each night receives a large traveling trophy to keep while they are the champion, and their names are engraved on a bronze plaque.

POK's name should be engraved on a silver plaque as it was their distinction to have arranged a party referred to by many as a "BUST!" This is in no way derogatory as the 150 who attended are still informing others that it was a party which suggested what New Years' Eve should have been, but wasn't! Shalom!

## Thank You

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Rabbi Ronald Gray, Cantor Edwin Epstein, Reuben Marvelle, Lazar Brenner and our friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and contributions to worthy causes in memory of my mother, Bessie Rifkin.

Gratefully, Sara Reuben.

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New life members recently welcomed into the Habonot group of Hadassah are Mrs. David Bernstein, Mrs. Hannah Hasten and Mrs. Jerome Kopelov of Kokomo.

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all bookings be made soon! For reservations call Reva Segal 257-8538 or Linda Eshowsky at 253-5303!

Thanks for the calls and letters and please keep them coming!

## Mrs. E. Feiman Succumbs, Was Hooverwood Resident

Services for Mrs. Eva M. Feiman, 81, of 7001 Hoover Rd., were held last Monday in Canton, Ohio with burial in Northlawn Cemetery there. The widow of Joseph A. Feiman, she died Jan. 25 at home.

A native of Harvard, Neb., she had been an Indianapolis resident six years. Mrs. Feiman formerly was a school teacher and social worker in Chicago. She attended the University of Nebraska and the University of Chicago and was a member of

Hadassah and Temple Israel at Canton.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Robert Goldstein of Indianapolis and Mrs. Manley Feinstein of Aberdeen, S.D.; two brothers, Dr. Harold Rosenbaum and Rol Rosenbaum; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hooverwood Home.

## On Television

Sunday, Feb. 2

Channel 6, noon, "Focus On Faith" featuring Rabbi Sidney Steiman, topic, "Faithfulness in Marriage — Commandment Number Six."

Channel 8, 12:30 p.m., "Jewish Perspective" featuring Allan Goldstein and a panel of Israelis talking about the Middle East.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Channel 4, 1 p.m. "Lisa," Movie about a Dutch police inspector who smuggles a Jewish girl out of the Netherlands into Palestine.

## Bouquet Of Week

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children, Lynda, 14, Mary, 12, and Henry, 10, Gerry also finds time to serve on the Boards of the Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish Community Center and the J.C.C.A. Board, a member of Hadassah and the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Gerry enjoys collecting antiques, doing oil paintings and gourmet cooking. It is with our warmest wishes that we send this week's bouquet to Gerry Kurtz.

## Mrs. Sidney Spilky Dies, Owned Village Knit Shop

Services for Mrs. Sidney (Ethel) Spilky, 62, of 5307 N. Park, were held last Friday in Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary. She passed away Jan. 23 at home.

Mrs. Spilky and her husband had owned the Village Knit Shop, 2911 Georgetown Rd., for 12 years, retiring one year ago. They also owned Sid's Norge Village, a self-service laundry,

12 years.

Mrs. Spilky was a member of B'nai Torah Congregation and its Sisterhood and Hadassah. She was born in Dayton, Ohio and moved here 40 years ago. Memorial contributions may be made to the Marion County Cancer Society.

Survivors include her husband and two brothers, Sam and David Blum.

## Dr. Richard A. Bard Killed In San Francisco Accident

SAN FRANCISCO — Services were held recently for Dr. Richard Allen Bard, 34, son-in-law of Jack and Mildred Alboher of Indianapolis. He died of injuries received in an auto accident.

Dr. Bard was a graduate of Indiana University and interned at General Rose Memorial Hospital in Denver. He joined the staff at Martinez County Hospital in 1970, in the general practice residency, before becoming part of the drug rehabilitation program.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Alboher Bard, 44 Her-

mosa Ave., Oakland, Calif. and his sister Gerri Bard, Buffalo, N.Y.

A Richard Bard Memorial Fund is being set up at the hospital, with donations to be applied to the Family Practice Clinic at the hospital, as approved by Mrs. Bard. Donations may be sent to the Richard Bard Memorial Fund, in care of Medical Staff, County Hospital, Martinez, Calif., or in care of Mrs. Bard at the Oakland address, or in care of the Albohers, 6412 Broadway, Indianapolis.

## Morris Sukoff Dies At 93, Started Imperial Box Corp.

NEW YORK — Services were held here Wednesday, Jan. 22 for Morris Sukoff, 93, who died Jan. 20 in Cabrini Medical Center. He founded and was president of the Imperial Paper Box Corp. which owns and operates Imperial Packaging Co. in Lawrence, Ind.

He was a trustee of the Brookdale Hospital Medical

Center, a former trustee of the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, former officer of the East Flatbush Jewish Center, and a major sponsor of the Brooklyn Brownsville Boys' Club.

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